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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### "Hit Parade"

It is realised we are about to trend on dangerous ground; that we are probably calling down coals of fire on our head, and that with a certain section of the public we shall be anything but popular. Nevertheless, we feel the subject requires airing. And it concerns Radio Hongkong's Thursday night feature, "Hit Parade." Our chief difficulty is to find any merit in this weekly radio offering. It is not only infuriatingly repetitive, but it provides nothing in the way of popular tunes which are not already fully embodied in programmes such as "Forces Requests," "Hospital Requests," the "Linda Calling" feature and, of course, the BBC "Forces Favourites," which are broadcast from Radio Hongkong with the same regularity as "Hit Parade." But where these "request" programmes cover a wide field of taste in popular music, the "Hit Parade" is confined to about a dozen numbers for a considerable period. In fact, as we see it, any tune which overnight captures the imagination of the public is almost certainly destined to figure in the "Hit Parade" programme for anything up to 16 weeks—first it has to ascend the ladder, then make its laborious and painful way out of the feature. Moreover, it is noticeable, that almost without exception the same recording of a number is used week after week, as though listeners were more interested in WHO was rendering the tune, rather than in the tune itself. Nor are we prepared, on behalf of more sensitive and discerning listeners, to accept the time-honoured admonition that "if you don't like the programme, don't tune into it." Because it so happens that "Hit Parade" comes on the air at 8 o'clock, which is a peak listening hour anywhere in the world, and therefore a period which should not be alienated to a restricted number of enthusiastic listeners. We have two suggestions to make about "Hit Parade": if it is regarded as being something essential to Radio Hongkong's programmes then it should go on the air either earlier or later in the evening than at present; and secondly, it would probably be much better appreciated by a considerably larger listening audience if it were broadcast once a month instead of once a week.

## Closed Session To Debate The Situation

Washington, Feb. 12. The United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced today that a closed session would be held next Thursday to study the situation in Indo-China.

Among the high-ranking officials, who will attend the session, are General Walter Bedell Smith, Under-Secretary of State and acting Secretary of State during the absence of Mr. John Foster Dulles, and Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.—France-Press.

## He's A Bit Of A Problem

Stockholm, Feb. 12. The Swedish Foreign Ministry has been considering today what it can do about a Swedish "giant with the soul of a child," who was reported to have knocked out five East Berlin policemen in a bid to talk peace with the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov.

The "giant" is Albert Hilding Klingberg, a 38-year-old businessman. The Foreign Ministry said today its Berlin Consulate-General had reported that Russian police had arrested him on a charge of trying to force his way into the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin during the Big Four foreign ministers conference.

Klingberg's mother, Mrs. Margot Rodzicz Klingberg, declared here tonight: "My son has been misunderstood. He only wanted to talk with Mr. Molotov and urge him to work for peace. He never had any plans to make an attempt on his life."

"He is a great idealist. He telephoned me a few days ago from Berlin and said: 'Things are happening now. I shall try and go and speak to Molotov and see if I cannot make him change his ideas so that the whole world can have peace.'"

"Albert was sincere in this. He is just a giant with the soul of a child. My son has shown some interest in Communism, but he was critical of the Russians."

A Swedish newspaper, Svenska Dagbladet, reported that Klingberg might be brought before a court for an attempt on the life of Mr. Molotov. The report said that Klingberg used a chair as a weapon to knock three policemen down, then he tossed an armchair into the street. Twelve policemen were needed to overpower him—and two of them were knocked out in the final struggle.—Reuter.

# FRANCE WILL REJECT RHEE'S OFFER

## Not To Employ S. Korean Troops In Indo-China

Paris, Feb. 12. President Syngman Rhee's proposal to send a South Korean army division to Indo-China, which has not yet been officially made to the French government, will not be accepted according to French authoritative sources here.

Any military aid from the Republic of South Korea, the sources added, would be turned down by the French authorities because of the consequences such help might bring in the Indo-China conflict against the Communists.

A message from Washington today quoted the State Department as confirming President Syngman Rhee's offer to send troops to Indo-China. No details were given on the number of troops involved in the proposal.

The State Department announcement revealed that the proposal had been sent to the United Nations commander in Korea, General John H. H. Hull, who is now in Washington.

The Department said it might be presumed that General Hull had taken the text of the South Korean proposal with him to Washington.

Reporting from Seoul, Georges Gallean, AFP correspondent, said tonight that the word "France" was not mentioned in the South Korean communiqué offering to send South Korean troops to Indo-China.

The offer, he wrote, was offered as aid "to help the three Associated States of Indo-China (Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos) to defeat the Vietnamese."

The Seoul message added that the offer was in line with recent announcements by President Syngman Rhee on foreign policy and also tallied with the plans and some American military leaders, particularly the former Eighth Army commander in Korea, General James Van Fleet.

"HOLY WAR" It was pointed out that President Syngman Rhee was hoping to form an anti-Communist alliance of South-east Asian nations with Korea at its head and was openly preaching a "holy war" crusade against the Communists.

General Van Fleet, added the Seoul report, had perfected a training system which permitted a handful of Americans within a few weeks—at a cost 25 times less than that required to train Americans and with greater effectiveness.

South Korean government spokesman, Hong Koo Karl, today referred to this low cost when he stated that the United States would secure a victory over Communism 25 times cheaper by using South Koreans in Indo-China.

The government statement said that although there were over a million Communist soldiers still in North Korea and although South Korea's military requirements were still great, the only serious opposition to the plan to send men to Indo-China would come from those "who did not intend to

## Prepare To Strike Call

Düsseldorf, Feb. 12. The West German Communist Party today called on its members to prepare strike action and to drag the masses into the struggle against the Bonn treaties and "the resurgence of militarism."

The Party claimed that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was doing everything possible to prevent the unification of Germany while in Berlin the Soviet Union was supporting the claims for German national sovereignty and liberty.—France-Press.

## Cotton Workers To Protest

London, Feb. 13. Leaders of Lancashire's 280,000 cotton workers are to travel to London on Monday to protest to the House of Trade Unionists.

Mr. Peter Thornycroft, at Britain's new trade pact with Japan, it was announced here yesterday.

Mr. Thornycroft has already seen representatives of cotton employers' organisations.

The deputation he will receive on Monday is from the United Textile Factory Workers' Association which has already criticised the agreement on the ground that it will give Japanese textile mills a foothold in vital Commonwealth markets at present served by Lancashire. All 24 members of the Association's Legislative Council are to travel to London for the talks.

The Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association—one of the two employer organisations which met Mr. Thornycroft a few days ago—yesterday passed a resolution expressing "profound concern" at the adverse repercussions of the trade pact on the Lancashire textile industry.

There would also be adverse effects on the national situation if, as they feared, serious loss of cotton exports resulted, the Association said.

It put on record its dissatisfaction, because there was no proper consultation with the industry during the negotiations preceding the agreement with Japan.

A statement on the agreement was also made here yesterday by the Cotton Board.

It said that the exchanges on the subject between the Board of Trade and the Chairman of the Cotton Board, Sir Raymond Street, and officials did not take the form of consultation with the industry.

"They were limited to prior information given in confidence a short time before public announcement of decisions already taken by the Government for which the Cotton Board is in no way responsible," it said.—China Mail Special.

## Molotov Drops Banana Skin

Berlin, Feb. 12. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, today dropped another banana peel at the end of a long row on which the deputy foreign ministers have slipped 274 times in discussing an Austrian state treaty.

The Austrian question, Mr. Molotov told his Western colleagues and the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Leopold Figl, could not be solved unless the territory of Trieste ceased to be an Anglo-American base.

The British and the Americans would like nothing better than to withdraw. They even said so in October and this nearly set fire to the powder keg.

To try to solve the Trieste problem, which is complicated, before the Austrian question, which is comparatively simple, is evidently not a proof of goodwill, which might have been shown by Mr. Molotov to the Austrian delegation.

ANSCILUSS FEAR Mr. Molotov who demands the withdrawal of occupation troops in Germany, demanded that those in Austria should remain—in fear of an Anschluss.

On the Anschluss issue (article 4 of the Austrian state treaty) and on the others, they had agreed that once the treaty had come into force, troops would be withdrawn from Austria.

The new Soviet proposals are thus a step backward and appear to have been completely settled.

Under these circumstances, it is difficult to see how the foreign ministers, even with the assistance of Dr. Figl, can do anything useful towards solving the Austrian problem.

Once again, Mr. Molotov has used tactics dear to himself—linking one problem to several others in a way which makes it impossible to see anything clearly.—France-Press.

## TIME BOMBS HOAX

Berlin, Feb. 12. West Berlin police tonight halted the showing of the film "Stars Over Colombo," produced by Belz Harlan, who made the Nazi anti-Jewish film "Jew Suss," after an anonymous telephone call had informed them that two time bombs had been placed in the American sector cinema where it was showing.

After a thorough search of the cinema—the Olympia—the police failed to find any bombs and the showing went on.—France-Press.

## Titanium Discovery

Laurence Marques, Feb. 12. Rich deposits of titanium, a wonder metal used in the construction of jet aircraft, have been discovered at Villa Luisa, 20 miles north of here, it was learned today.—France-Press.

Rome, Feb. 12. Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, arrived here tonight by plane from Bonn for a four-day visit to Italy.—Reuter.

## TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"	By "The Turf"
<b>RACE 1</b> Comet Hawalian Moon Santa Claus Outsider:—Red Feather.	<b>RACE 1</b> Santa Claus Silver Dahlia Hawalian Moon Outsider:—Dreadnought.
<b>RACE 2</b> Souvenir Henrietta Wild Honey Outsider:—Evergreen.	<b>RACE 2</b> Prairie Moon Souvenir Strathpeffer Outsider:—Wild Honey.
<b>RACE 3</b> Boyne Laddie Citation Outsider:—Rowanglen.	<b>RACE 3</b> Citation Amber Boyne Outsider:—Shun Lee.
<b>RACE 4</b> Iping Beautiful Leo Kentucky Lady Outsider:—Norseman.	<b>RACE 4</b> Iping Norseman Straight Forward Outsider:—Concord.
<b>RACE 5</b> Our Pride Thousand Miles Tip Top Outsider:—New Jersey.	<b>RACE 5</b> New Jersey Our Pride Thousand Miles Outsider:—Hawker Hunter.
<b>RACE 6</b> Dilly Corvette Senorita Outsider:—Balsam.	<b>RACE 6</b> Strathlan Black Beauty Dilly Outsider:—Smiling Tiger.
<b>RACE 7</b> Gladious Norse Lady Blondie Outsider:—Desert Gold.	<b>RACE 7</b> Mourne Rider's Wish Rebel II Outsider:—Blondie.
<b>RACE 8</b> Royal Command Fighting Spirit Huntington Outsider:—Tune-Phone.	<b>RACE 8</b> Royal Command Huntington Pearl Diver Outsider:—Armament.

## England Lose The Second Test

Bridgetown, Feb. 12. The West Indies won the second cricket Test here today by 181 runs—and thus became two up in the series—as England's last seven wickets crashed for 55 runs after lunch.

The two overnight batsmen, Denis Compton and Graveney, fought back magnificently until lunch, but Compton was out for 83 soon after the interval. England's innings virtually ended there, on the last six batsmen mustered only nine runs. Palmer, Laker, Lock and Statham all registering ducks.

The last seven wickets, including Compton's fall for 55, of which Graveney scored 45, carrying his bat for 64.

The final scoreboard was: West Indies 555 and 292 for two declared. England—181 and 318.

The assumption "after lunch was delayed for 20 minutes owing to rain, but then disaster overtook England.

With only seven runs added, Compton was out to a leg-before decision which surprised him. He had leaped forward to a ball from Stollmeyer which hit him on the left pad.

England's last innings

L. Hutton, c. Worrell b. Ramadhin 77

W. Watson, c. McWatt b. King 6

P. May, c. Walcott b. Gomes 63

D. Compton, lbw b. Stollmeyer 83

T. Graveney, not out 45

Palmer, c. Gomes b. Alderman 0

Bailey, c. sub. b. Stollmeyer 4

Evans, b. Ramadhin 0

J. Laker, lbw b. Ramadhin 0

A. Lock, b. King 0

Statham, b. Gomes 0

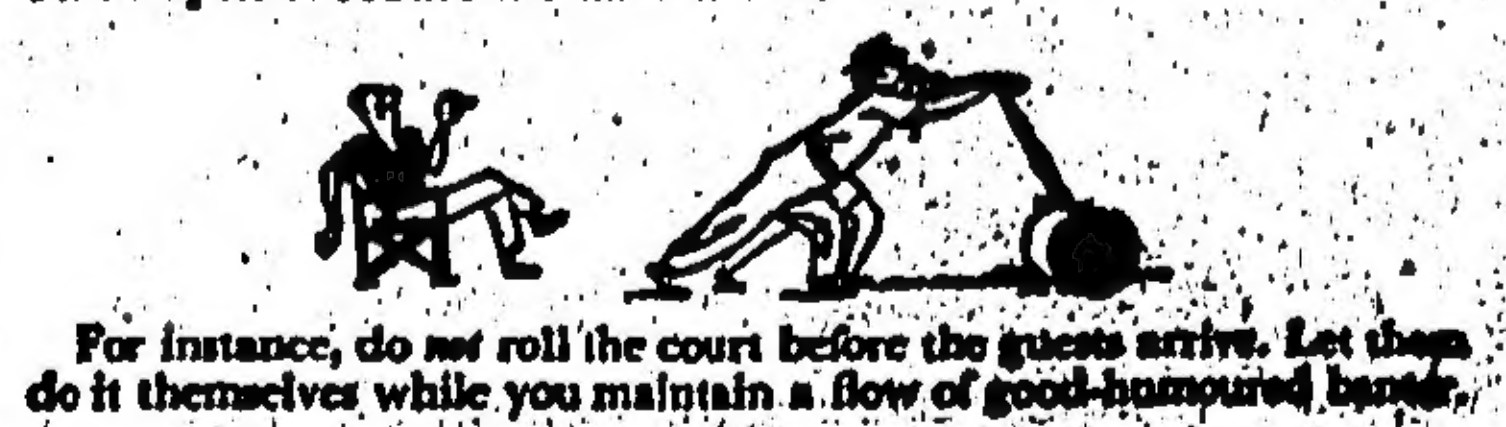
Extras 8

Total 318

Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/108, 3/181, 4/255, 5/250, 6/264, 7/281, 8/291, 9/300.—Reuter.

## How not to give a Tennis Party

Bad hosts are born and not made; not everyone can make a failure of a tennis party. Nevertheless there are certain observances which may be relied upon to reduce the chances of success.



For instance, do not roll the court before the guests arrive. Let them do it themselves while you maintain a flow of good-humoured banter.

Do not mend the holes in the wire-netting. Searching for balls in the middle of a ding-dong game is a great fermenter of temper.

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# FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By MARGARET BRUCE

Where is the "MASTER OF BALLENTINE"? Does this film really exist? The QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA have shelved it once more—or twice more to be explicit. Their new programme runs "HONDO", "CALAMITY JANE", a film of the Royal Tour and then—perhaps I'd better not say it! This tantalising will-o'-the-wisp may disappear once more.

However, to deal with tangibilities, at least one of the rumours that reached me has proved correct. "HONDO" the Wayne-produced, Wayne-starring Western really does seem to be coming on. Wayne takes the role of Hondo Lane, a dispatch rider for the U.S. Cavalry in the South-West in 1874.

During his travels he becomes involved with Angie Lowe, left alone in the wilderness to care for her young son, and by doing so finds himself largely single-handed against hordes of vicious Indians—with the fantastic success only allotted to screen heroes.

Geraldine Page (Angie) is a mature actress although new to films. In as much as she looks human instead of alluring, provocative, gorgeous or sultry, she lends considerable sincerity to the part. This hot and dusty story holds no surprises.

It is to be replaced by a Western with a very different recipe. "CALAMITY JANE" stars the unlikely cast of Doris Day and Howard Keel. You expect Betty Hutton to appear in behind every rock. But this is pure habit and is in no way a slight on the delightful Doris, who remains feminine even in buckskins.

S. I. would say, does this West, which has been very much turned for Calamity's frivolous circus, I am not sure to what extent the characters of Jane and Wild Bill Hickok are legendary and how much is pure fiction. Certainly the most oddity about the picture is the nature of the characters, as when "JACK MCCALL" "DESPERADO" at the MAJESTIC will appreciate.

As a musical romp with Doris Day this film is a party full of the highest of spirits. A good-natured fun, attributable largely to Miss Day's disarmingly vivacious and infectious charm.

The "Janie-get-your-gun" story is supremely a vehicle, and nothing else. No true fan will be deceived by the temporary fondness of the two central figures for alternative partners.

The musical score is nothing out of the ordinary but there's an endearing lightness and freshness in its treatment. You'll enjoy yourself at this picture, and you can safely take the family.

**ALL THE CLICHES**  
"THE RED BERET" is showing to good audiences at the KING'S and PRINCESS—as I write. I hope it will continue to draw the patronage it deserves both as a production and a conception.

It has gaping faults, mind you, and a plot with all the cliches in the world. There's even the old "oh about the amputated legs hurting" as the soldier lies in his little hospital cot and his visitor keeps a stiff and to the point. Without upper lip.

There's the hat—the red beret itself—being thrown across the room onto its peg by the tough CO. And a parachute-jumping hero whose union has ensured sufficient relaxation for her to be sleeping around the hero at every crisis in his career, and there are many.

more be said? Let us hope that there will not be a postponement.

The EMPIRE plans to show Louis Hayward in the "SON OF MONTE CRISTO" before joining in on "CLEOPATRA." It is difficult to understand why there is this outburst of pictures that croak with age in the Colony. There are very good now ones being made as I try to point out from time to time.

The ROXY and BROADWAY confidently expect "KING OF THE KHYBER RIFLES" to run for three weeks more, to they haven't made up their minds what will come along afterwards. It is nice to be able to point out: emphatically that this extreme box-office success would probably have been considerably curtailed had the prices been raised.

After a brief showing of "CLEOPATRA" starting Claudette Colbert, Henry Clarendon and Warren William—a collector's item only—three is a little indecision.

The most likely starter being "THE BIG HEART." The star here is Glenn Ford in this story of graft, racketeering and murder, haven't had a chance to see it yet.

## PROBABLY RIGHT

After this I hope that we will be privileged to see and hear Patrice Munsell in "MELBA." The well-known American columnist, Louella Parsons, is quoted as having said "What THE GREAT CARUSO did for Mario Lanza, MELBA will do for Patrice Munsell."

She is probably right. She might have added what is purely coincidental. But as an entertainment it holds everything I want.

The supporting cast (as though Miss Munsell can't stand up on her own two feet) will include to you some part of what I mean. Robert Morley as Oscar Hammerstein, the founder of the great theatrical dynasty that flourishes still; Alec Clunes, as Cecile Carlsen, owner of the famous London Hotel and organiser, for obvious reasons, of the original Peppin; John McCallum as an amiable, good-natured, fun-loving first love and only husband; John Justin as Eric Walton, the man who thought up Nellie Mitchell's famous new name—a Latinised contraction of Melbourne, the city of her birth, and also the man who introduced her to the great singing teacher, Madame Marchesi. This is a part played to perfection by Marjorie Hunt, who, in fact, steals all the acting honours.

Dame Sybil Thorndike appears as Queen Victoria in this film of a former Dame, and as though all this were not enough, Violeta Elvin, beloved of thousands of balletomanes, dances the role of Tagliani in the "Robert the Devil" ballet sequence.

And last, but hardly least, we have the wonderful colouratura voice of the prima donna herself, Princess Paul of the New York Metropolitan Opera has a voice to thrill. It is done great justice by the stereophonic sound, and, as this diva, it is a ravishing beauty, is one soprano whose singing is at least as possible to enjoy with one's eyes open, the wider screen can only add to the pleasure. Without leaving the feeling that it has been built out to accommodate the figure of the central character.

## SHE SINGS

She sings the "Chacun le Soit" scene from Donizetti's "The Daughter of the Regiment," the Brindisi from Verdi's La Traviata, the Valse d'Arle from Puccini's Tosca and "Caro Nome" from Verdi's Rigoletto. She also appears in a scene from "Cendrillon" with Juliette in the home of Juliette, as Lucia in the mad scene from Donizetti's Lucia de Lammermoor, as Mimì in Puccini's La Bohème, and in Rossini's The Barber of Seville. The Chorus in Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro, need any

Glenn Ford, as ever, is a rugged and reliable hero and a most competent escort on this very exhausting journey through the dense Central American jungle.

I hear that James Stewart and John Allynson have made "THE GLENN MILLER STORY" for UI, which should be shown here soon. And MGM will be bringing along Robert Taylor and Stewart Granger, fighting over Ann Blyth in "ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT."

Ann Blyth, who is primarily a singer, will then make "ROSEMARIE" and "THE STUDENT PRINCE." And speaking of musicals, the latest is to star Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen.

Another exciting release will be "ULYSSES" with Sylvana Mangano and Kirk Douglas, and then "LEGEND OF THE INCA" which stars Charlton Heston and Yma Sumac, the astonishing singer with a range of four octaves, who is a true Inca.

WHAT A PITY!  
A little publicity blurb came into my hands which I feel must not keep selfishly to myself. I am sure you would like to know the preparations made by stars for their love scenes.

On the best authority I have it that Joan Crawford must have dead silence, Joanne Dru insists on taking off her shoes, Yvonne de Carlo takes the wise precaution of removing her corsets.

But Barbara Stanwyck—I quote: "Barbara Stanwyck is one of those rare personalities who need no stimulant to get ready for a love scene. Moments before the camera rolls she's joking with the crew. In a flash she's into the stirring tempo of the kiss sequence. The moment it's over she's liable to laugh out loud and ride piggy-back on the broad shoulders of an electrician back to her dressing room." What a pity that the cameras stop rolling for such a jolly interlude.

**THREE HITCHCOCKS**  
I have received news about some of the latest Paramount releases. It is good news that Alfred Hitchcock has signed to make three new thrillers the first of which will be "CATCH A THIEF" starring Cary Grant. This is advertised as an exciting suspense drama and with Hitchcock at the wheel I have no doubt that this is so.

Meanwhile we are to see his murder story "THE REAR WINDOW." This should be here very soon and stars James Stewart, Grace Kelly and Wendell Corey, whom we have seen so recently in "JAMAICA RUN." From an original story by William Irish, it is being filmed for the wide screen and in the new Eastman Colour process.

Another film that we should see very soon is "THE CADDY" with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Jerry is the endy who is the genius behind the Champion player (Dean Martin) because he is too nervous of crowds to play himself. For their latest hit, an adaptation of the Broadway musical "HAZEL FLAGG" called "LIVING IT UP"—whatever that means—they will be joined by Janet Leigh. She has now finished "WALKIN' MY BABY HOME" with Donald O'Connor.

The French actress discovered by Bing Crosby for his "LITTLE BOY LOST" Nicole Maury, joins Charlton Heston in his latest film "LEGEND OF THE INCA" and this film should be noted for its inclusion in the list of the exotic Yma Sumac. All record collectors and fans will know whom I mean, I feel sure.

Typically a direct descendant of the Inca who has one of the most startling singing voices of the age. Her range includes four octaves—passing (to my ears) through a distinct gargle somewhere in the middle. But whether you like it or not, it has a fascination, and as her voice is itself, it should be quite an appearance.

able news to me that Sylvana Mangano, the lovely Italian actress, opposite Kirk Douglas in "ULYSSES" is forthcoming spectacle. "ULYSSES" Miss Mangano's husband, Dini Darsaville, was co-producer in this new film in which the Italian, on occasion, so vividly, begin to understand why they are being a nice-named fellow at the

When this comedy has finished its run at these Cinemas they are going to show a Chinese film called "LOVE STORY" and then RKO's "APPOINTMENT IN HONOLULU" which stars Ann Sheridan, Glenn Ford and Zachary Scott.

Once known only as the Comph Girl, Miss Sheridan is becoming increasingly an actress. And there is very little glamour allowed her in this technicolour jungle hazard.

It is true that at the beginning of the film she is beautifully served, but after she has been kidnapped in her husband (Glenn Ford) and has won it to a great scrambling through the undergrowth, she has to make a hair of her Ford's rapidly-mo-downs. And a very loud head that manages somehow to look better that way.

This is a really exciting thriller. Zachary Scott is particularly convincing as Miss Sheridan's revengeful husband. During this time falls apart emotionally and finally sides with the Mexican bandits.

Colours, there are many—stars, rein, wind, swarms of insects, alligators, lizards, bats and bugs and a dozen other creatures besides the bandits to recommend the picture.

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# Historic Changing Of A Pronoun

New York.

The changing of a pronoun in the Japanese surrender documents signed September 2, 1945, on the battleship Missouri may become a footnote of history.

The man responsible for the change contends that it went far toward insuring a peaceful military occupation of Japan.

The story of the pronoun is told by Sidney Forrester Mashbir, a retired US Army colonel, in his autobiography, "I was an American Spy." (Vantage Press)

A Japanese delegation went to Manila in mid-August, 1945 to receive Gen. Douglas MacArthur's surrender orders. Mashbir was Chief of MacArthur's translation and interpretation section. From Washington had come instructions that Emperor Hirohito should issue a surrender receipt, the exact wording of which was to be dictated by the Allies.

When the draft was read, the Japanese delegates turned pale. It called for the emperor to use the first person pronoun in the kushu, instead of the imperial first person, "chin." The emperor had never used "wataku" for "I" in formal communication. It would have been degrading to the Japanese. Mashbir, who had lived for years among the Japanese, quickly detected this as an insult not only to the emperor but to all Japanese. He believed it violated the Potsdam Declaration and that the Japanese could later repudiate the surrender as an illegal instrument obtained under duress if it remained unchanged.

With MacArthur's backing, Mashbir told the Japanese they could issue a surrender proclamation in the regular form of an imperial rescript and in ancient Japanese phrasing. The documents to be signed on the Missouri were changed accordingly. MacArthur told Mashbir: "I have no desire whatever to debate him (the emperor) in the eyes of his own people, as through him it will be possible to maintain a completely orderly government."

Mashbir later escorted Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and the Japanese party aboard the Missouri for the surrender signing. The title of Mashbir's book is misleading. He first went to Japan in 1920 as a young army officer to gather intelligence about Japan's ascendancy and military. While in uniform he matched wits with Japanese officers and was sent on a "cloak and dagger" mission to Vladivostok. There were two periods—one in the 1920's and one in the 30's—when, as a businessman

in Japan, he was willing to spy for the US government. However, the book establishes somewhat bitterly that the American military showed little interest in his findings. (He had a plan for getting information out of Japan in event of war. It was ignored in Washington.)

The result of his espionage was that it gave him a great deal of trouble when later he sought reinstatement in the Army. Whether or not the Japanese suspected him, the United States Army certainly did.

Mashbir admits to a fondness for the Japanese and believes that in all his dealings with them he worked in their best interest. For the old Japanese militarists, however, he has nothing but contempt. He thinks they got what they deserved.—United Press.

## SENSIBLE SCHEME

Lethbridge, Alberta. Farmers in the Ordon district, 90 miles Southeast of Lethbridge, developed a new system to solve the grain storage problem.

The 83 farmers in the district began pulling names from a hat to determine the order in which they will make wheat deliveries to district elevators.

The "lottery" system eliminates break-neck competition to get grain to elevators before the limited space is filled with another farmer's grain.

An estimated 375,000 to 400,000 bushels of wheat have been produced by the farmers this year, and each farmer makes a 500-bushel delivery as his share of the total. When the last name is reached, the farmers start all over again, but the last farmer becomes the first on the list, which is entirely reversed.

Under the plan, farmers with valid reasons can wait up to a week before delivering their quota, without sacrificing their turn.—United Press

## Things Quieten Down

Montreal. The rhythm of economic activity in Canada is beginning to slow down and there are signs that the country's unprecedented period of expansion is tapering off, Charles St Pierre, President of the National Canadian Bank said.

St Pierre told the 79th annual general meeting of the bank that 10,000 manufacturing concerns have been established in Canada since the end of World War II, and he added, "It seems obvious that we cannot rely much longer on such a contribution from business promoters." The bank president pointed out that Canada has to export 25 per cent of her production and is "therefore very sensitive to outside influences."

General Manager Urie Roberge told the shareholders that the bank experienced its most successful results in history during 1950. Profits were up \$317,797 to \$1,364,848. Total deposits amounted to \$597,833,963 in 1950, a new high, Roberge said, and total assets amounted to \$244,769,230, also a record.—United Press.

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"Now that we've finally trained her to sleep all night, she insists on waking up to give her doll a 4 o'clock feeding!"

## Braved Criticism And Became Famous

Jerusalem. Among the "100 Most Important People of 1953" the editor of this pocket-book lists two Israelis—David Ben Gurion and Martin Buber.

Why should the latter—a professor of social philosophy find a place among famous statesmen and generals as someone "who might affect your life this year?"

A clue to the answer lies in the fact that this small white-bearded philosopher, a Jewish exponent of liberal thought, braved the fierce criticism of his countrymen to accept honour from the German people.

Last summer while on a lecture tour of Europe—and German—universities, Martin Buber was awarded both the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade and Hamburg University's Goethe Prize. The latter is given "for furtherance of super-national feeling."

Buber commands immense respect even from those who disagree with him. To the fight for the dignity and the responsibility of the individual, Buber has dedicated his innumerable discourses and many books. He accepted the Goethe Prize because it symbolised the renaissance of human values in a nation once strangled by inhuman forces. However much his own Jewish people may have suffered from the Nazi holocaust, Buber cannot deny any soul the right to live again.

**JEWISH MYSTICISM**  
Martin Buber who became world-famous with his interpretation of Jewish mysticism to the Western intellectual, places a religious significance in the worth of each human being whether Jew, German or Arab, they must be regarded as personal and not national units.

"If necessary we must buy their faith," he said, referring to Arab-Israeli relations. "After all it was we who came to Palestine, not the other way about. In Mandate days the Arabs got the impression that we Jews did not care about their welfare, and little has been done to alter that impression. Co-operation between the two peoples was necessary even then—now it's a matter of life and death."

To this end, Professor Buber urged a wholesale and decisive Israeli move toward the Arab world. He was convinced that a modus vivendi in the Middle East could only be achieved with both Arabs and Israelis coeding to obtain a compromise. In fact a conference would reveal their supposedly conflicting interests coincided. Certainly if a determined effort is not made to confront the Jordanian leaders with their alleged enemies in Israel, the situation will deteriorate for the status quo cannot be maintained.

**REDEMPTION**  
Martin Buber's Zionism is just one way to individual redemption, rather than a way to the salvation of a community. That explains his unshaken faith in the collective settlements of Israel, which not so long ago served as one pattern of idealistic living. "They are undergoing a temporary moral decline," he contended, "which was caused partly by the waves of immigrants who fled here without spiritual motivation and partly by the general lowering of moral standards in this country." Similarly, Prof. Buber dis-

## Pay Up Honestly Campaign

Lincoln, Nebraska. Nebraskaans are set for the final three months of a campaign—complete with lapel buttons and a "whistle-stop" tour—designed to make them "honest" when tax time rolls around.

It was a year ago that the Nebraska Supreme Court called for enforcement of state tax laws ignored for 20 years. Governor Robert B. Crosby, youthful and buoyant, took up the task—a job handed him 24 hours after he stepped into office. He spearheaded first a drive on real estate, resulting in higher values in every county—including a 207 per cent rise in his home town of North Platte.

Then came "Operation Honesty" which Crosby said is to spur Nebraskaans to do what many have never done before—turn in an honest schedule. Personal property ranges from livestock and pets to refrigerators and honey bees.

Crosby denies the campaign has any personal political implication, but taxes will be a major issue in the August primary—whether he runs for re-election or not.

## AEROPLANE TOUR

Crosby will highlight the crusade with an aeroplane tour during the March assessment month, scrambling from one end of the state to the other, visiting with civilians and county assessors. He will carry buttons bearing the words "Operation Honesty" and pledge cards.

Mass meetings have been called to get co-operation of government workers.

He plans to appeal to President Eisenhower and the Nebraska congressional delegation for "encouragement" in the drive which will have all the hoopla of a political stumping tour.

His drive has been branded his "political swan song" by Democrats. His most outspoken critic called him a "sawdust evangelist," but Nebraskaans have generally rallied to the cause.

One Omahan, Julian Caldwell, said Crosby has indirectly charged Nebraskaans with being "dishonest," but a fellow townsman, Charles R. Reiff, conceded that "everyone cheats a little." Caldwell said Crosby "must know that this situation is going to cost him votes in the long run."

A Roseland, Nebraska, farmer, John Klein, said in the smaller counties citizens "can't get away with too much" because of close inspection by assessors. A Democrat, he said, he admired Crosby's stand.—United Press.

## CANADA'S YOUNGEST BARBER

Winnipeg. Frankie Fabbri, an olive-skinned Italian youth of 14 who wields a straight razor like most Canadian lads handle a hockey stick, claims to be the youngest professional barber in Canada.

His father—John Fabbri, a local barber, said Frankie is pretty good at his trade.

"I've been a barber for 18 years," he said, "and I'm willing to admit that he's as good as I'm, if not better."

Frankie has been cutting hair for four years—since he was 10.

The curly-haired lad came to Canada from Florence, Italy, a few weeks ago. He learned the trade there.

His father explained that in Florence children go to school when five years old until they are 10. Then if they can't afford university, they're pushed out into the world to learn a trade. Frankie chose cutting hair and shaving—just as his father and grandfather, before him.

Frankie will tackle school here to learn English. Even though he is an excellent junior high school student, he will have to pass examinations here before receiving a license to work with his father.

He may have to stand on tiptoe to reach the top of a customer's head, but he says he's as smooth as any barber in his age and says he'll give his customers "great hair" and leave it as soft as he can to work.

Now that Frankie has a few dollars, he wants to bring Fabbri's mother and brother to Canada.

They hope Frankie can change the sign in his window to read "Barber and Son" because Frankie's 11-year-old brother is a barber too.—United Press.

## EASY MEAT!

Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. Deer hunter Daren Wentzell got his quota without firing a shot.

Number one crashed into the back of his car while he was driving home. A few days later number two tumbled into the right side of the car.—United Press.

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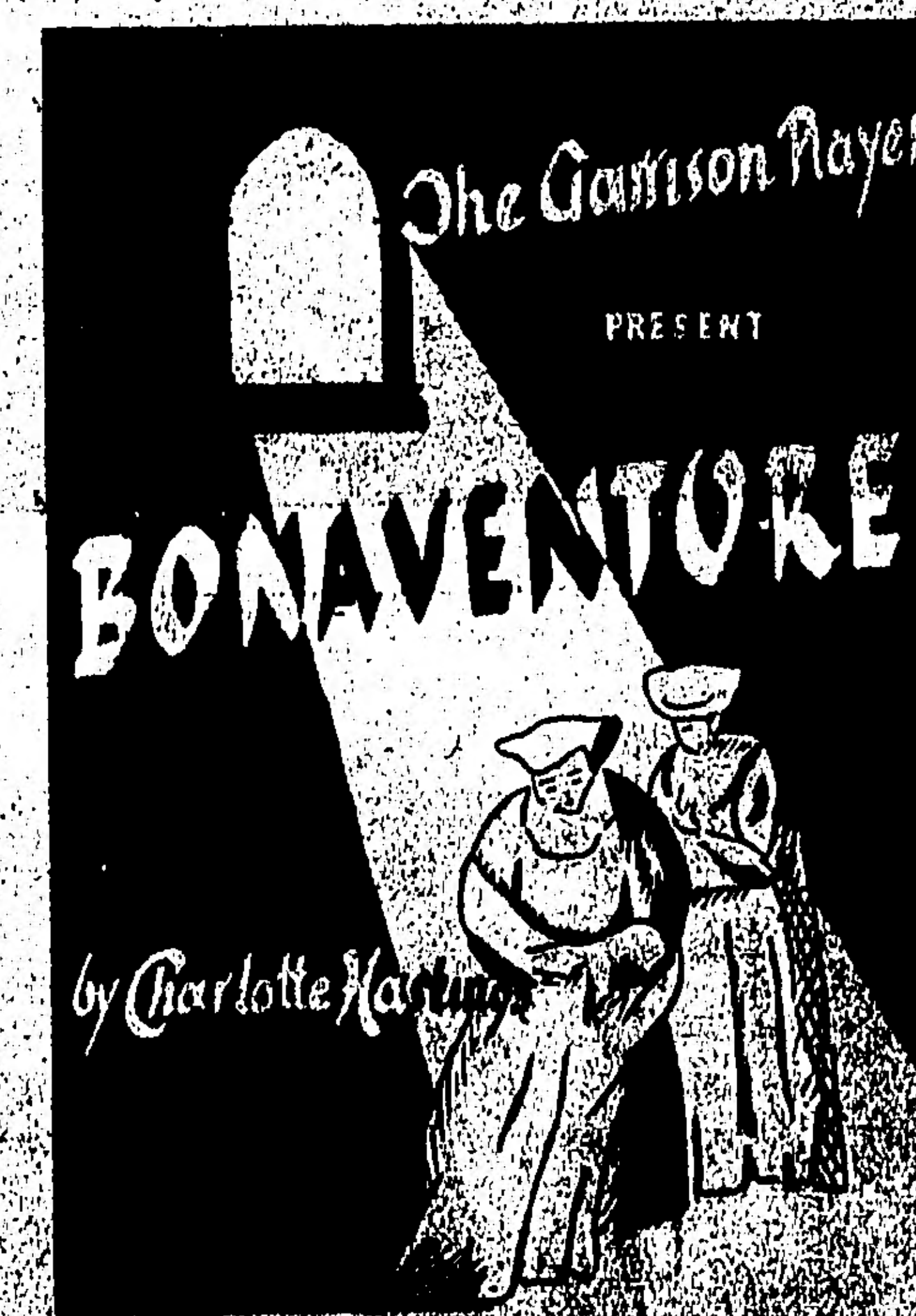
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# HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



DR William Godfrey, the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, wearing his Cappa Magna, a cape of water silk with eight-foot train and Biretta of purple silk, leaving Liverpool Cathedral after his installation. (Express)



RIGHT: Valerie Hobson, 36-year-old star of the musical, "The King And I," fainted recently during the first act, but was back after six minutes and carried on the show. (Express)



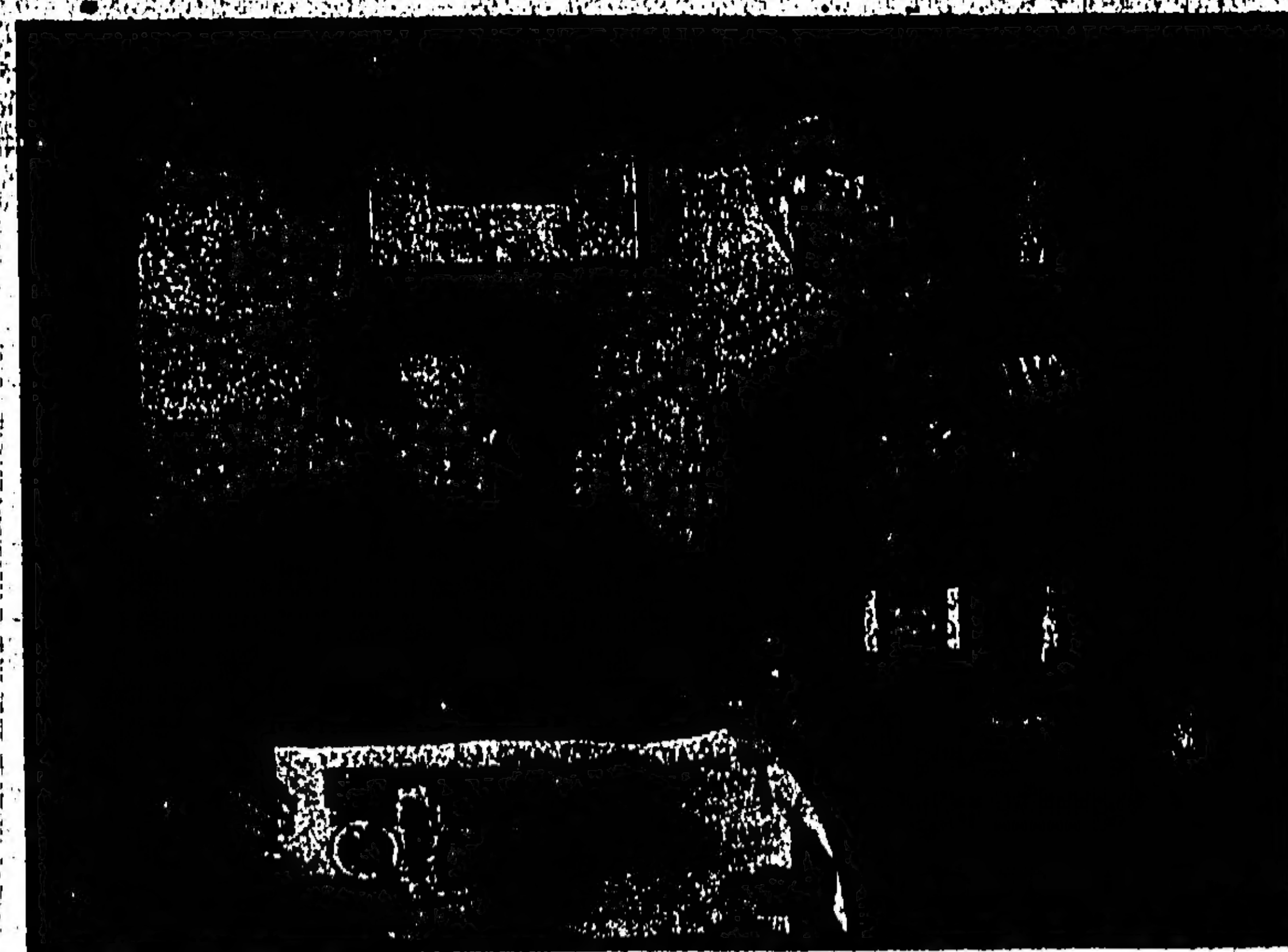
BELOW: Mr Patrick Maitland, MP (right), chatting with Mr Sundfeld, Swedish Embassy Secretary, at an art party in London where sculptures from 58 countries were seen. (Express)



A large party of the Rifle Brigade from Bulford enter wholeheartedly into the fun with two of the clowns during "Army Night" at the Bertram Mills Circus at Olympia. (Army News)

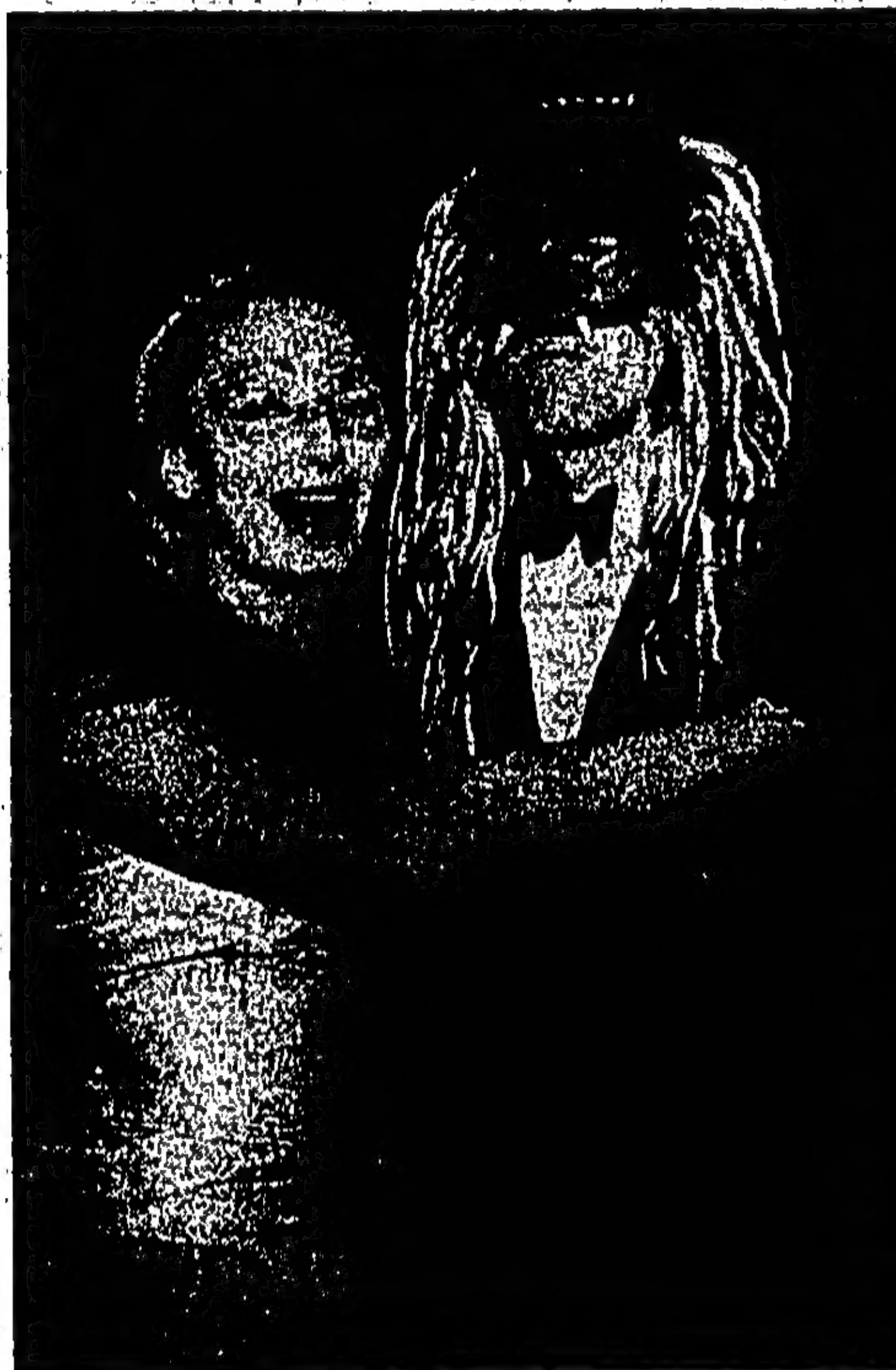


A lunchtime stroll through the grounds of Pinewood Studios for seven of the 28 girls who are appearing in "You Know What Sailors Are." From left they are Ann Miller, Shirley Eaton, Babs Reed, Yvonne Gaskell, Shirley Lorrimer, Jeannette MacDonald and Shirley Jones. (Express)



LEFT: Three-year-old David Lloyd George, grandson of the great Liberal statesman, seen with his mother, Lady Gwynedd Lloyd George. (Express)

COLONEL J. P. Carne, VC, DSO, was recently given the Freedom of Falmouth at an open-air ceremony on Falmouth Moor. He is seen after the ceremony holding the silver casket presented by the Mayor. Mrs Carne holds the illuminated certificate of her husband's admission to the honorary Freedom. (Army News)



AT the Bal Masque held at Hutchinson House, London, in aid of the National Association and London Union of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs, Elletta Mouret and Richard Cochran appear as Beauty and the Beast. (Express)



HUGH SERVILE, 22-year-old from Trinidad, took his belt along to the Chancery Court in London to prove he is welterweight champion of Trinidad. He was seeking an injunction to restrain Hector Constance from billing himself as welterweight champion of the West Indies. (Express)



THIS Great Northern Diver, a bird the size of a goose and a rare visitor to British waters in winter, was found in Chobham, Surrey, and was taken to the RSPCA headquarters in London for treatment of slight leg injuries. It will later be released. Its regular nesting haunt is Iceland. (Express)

## NANCY She'll Find Out!

By Ernie Bushmiller









# BRITONS LIKE THE CINEMA

By Vaughan Jones

**E**VEN the recent sub-zero temperatures failed to disperse the customary queues outside Britain's 4,500 cinemas.

For neither icy winds nor frozen noses can break this nation-wide, cinema-going habit, which grips Britain's youth like a drug.

Britain is the world's most confirmed movie addicts. They like to think of the United States—with its Hollywood—as movieland.

But Britons, in fact, go to the cinema more frequently than anybody else.

Counting in the country's latest-in-arms and contentions, Britain's fifty million people each visit the cinema 28 times a year. And that is five times more than the average American, who goes 23 times, according to the last available figures. This compares with the 19 visits paid by the average New Zealander, 17 by Canadians, eight by the Japanese.

Of all Britons, however, the young people are the worst addicts. Half the seats are filled by people below the age of 25; those between 15 and 25 go twice as often as their elders.

## Rich Stay Home

Certainly, lack of money in the home does not keep them indoors. Four-fifths of the cinema crowds come from homes where the wage earner has a pay packet of less than £800 a year, or under £12 a week. It is just these homes which state that the rising cost of living prevents them buying adequate food for the families.

The richer people, who could easily afford cinema outings, more often prefer the comfort of their own homes.

Logically, the people in Britain's gloomy industrial towns in the north are the most confirmed movie fans of all. They average 30 visits each, as against 24 in the better-off southern counties.

And, reviewing these facts, compiled in a survey by the Board of Trade Statistical Department, leading psychologists and doctors have quite a lot to say.

The Welfare State, they admit, brings inculcable benefits in providing against hunger and disease. But it robs masses of young people of initiative and enterprise. With their living assured for them, they want also their pleasures doled out.

Seeking to escape the humdrum of their own lives in one

of a row of dingy little brick houses, they pay decreasing interest to their homes. And they fail to develop their creative instinct when in bed, allows them to escape into the never-never land for a couple of hours.

Not only this. Young couples, viewing the screen charms of Rita Hayworth, Marilyn Monroe and Zsa Zsa Gabor and the brave gallantries of Alan Ladd, Marlon Brando and Gregory Peck, become dissatisfied with their own marriage partners and the home routine. And so it can pave the way towards the divorce court.

## A Tussle

But the psychologists admit equally that a certain amount of dissatisfaction is useful. It can spur young men to earn more money in order to approach the type of life they envy.

So it becomes a tussle in the subconscious: whether they will be satisfied with brief escape into wealth and romance, or whether they will stir themselves to achieve it in creation and construction, in pioneering and travel.

Just now, they say, brief escape is winning in many.

But there still remain enough of the adventurous and pioneering, the scientists and the business kungs to guarantee Britain's future.

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"As the Duke of Edinburgh's speech seems to have escaped the attention of Prendergast Ma., perhaps he will copy out 100 times: "The day of the private adventurer in science is over!"

# THE NEW EXPLOITS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

START READING TODAY

★ The China Mail starts today a series of NEW mysteries of Sherlock Holmes. These stories are based on cases referred to in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's original works, but never before recounted. Now the exploits are told by Adrian Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur's son and literary executor, and John Dickson Carr, the mystery writer and a leading authority on Holmes.

**M**y wife had a slight cold, as my notebook records, when on that morning of April 12, 1888, we were introduced in such dramatic fashion to one of the most singular problems in the annals of my friend Mr Sherlock Holmes.

At that time, as I have elsewhere recorded, my medical practice was in the Paddington district. Being young and active, I was in the habit of arising betimes; and eight o'clock found me downstairs, distressing the maid by lighting the fire in the hall, when I was startled by a ring at the street door.

A patient at this hour could have come on no trivial errand. And, when I had opened the door to the clear April sunlight, I was struck no less by the pallor and agitation than by the youth and beauty of the young lady who stood swaying on my humble threshold.

"Dr Watson?" asked she, raising her veil.

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"Pray forgive this early intrusion. I have come to... I have come to..."

"Be good enough to step into the consulting room," said I, leading the way with a vigorous step, and meanwhile studying the young lady closely. It is as well for a medical man to impress his patients by deducing their symptoms, and hence their ailments, before they have spoken at all.

"The weather is warm for this season of the year," I continued.

when we reached the consulting-room, "yet there is always the possibility of a chill, unless the room be well sealed against draughts."

THE effect of this remark was extraordinary. For a moment my visitor stared at me with the grey eyes widening in her beautiful face.

"A sealed room!" she cried. "Oh, my God, a sealed room!" Her cry became a shriek which ran through the house, and then she collapsed on the hearth-rug in a dead faint.

Horrified, I poured some water from a carafe, dashed brandy into the water, and after lifting my patient gently into a chair, persuaded her to swallow it. Scarcely had I done so when the noise of that cry brought my wife downstairs and into the consulting-room.

"Good heavens, John, what is the world—?" And here she broke off. "Why, it's Cora Murray!"

"You know the young lady, then?"

"Know her! I should think I do. I knew Cora Murray in India. Her father and mine were friends for years; and I was married!"

"You wrote to India?"

"No, no; she lives in England now. Cora is the very closest friend of Eleanor Grant, who married that rather crochety Colonel Warburton. Cora lives with Colonel and Mrs Warburton at some address in Cambridge Terrace."

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As my wife finished speaking, our visitor opened her eyes. My wife patted her hand.

"Gently, Cora," said she. "I was only telling my husband that you lived in Cambridge Terrace with Colonel and Mrs Warburton."

"No longer!" cried Miss Murray wildly. "Colonel Warburton is dead, and his wife so horribly wounded that she may be dying at this moment! When I saw them lying there under that terrifying death mask, I felt the evil thing itself had driven Colonel Warburton mad. He must have been mad. Why else should he have shot his wife and then himself in a locked room? And yet I cannot believe he would have done this dreadful action."

Grasping my wife's hand with both of hers, she looked up at me with pathetic appeal.

"Oh, Dr Watson, I did so hope you would help! Is there nothing your friend Mr Sherlock Holmes can do?"

"You may well believe that my wife and I listened with anxious ment to this tale of domestic tragedy."

"But you tell me that Colonel Warburton is dead," I demurred gently.

"Yet the shadow remains on his name. Oh, is my errand so hopeless?"

"Nothing is ever hopeless, Cora," said my wife. "John, what shall you do?"

"Dot!" cried I, glancing at a watch. "Why, a hansom-cab to Baker Street at once! We shall just catch Holmes before breakfast."

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As I had expected, Sherlock Holmes was moodily awaiting his breakfast. The room, bereft with the tone of his first daily pipe, which was composed of left-over doilies from the day before. His breakfast consisted of nothing strange in his life, except that he was in a hurry to be questioned.

"The fact is, Holmes," said I, "that I was interrupted this morning—"

"Quite so, my dear fellow," said he, "as you were engaged in your usual practice of lighting the fire. Your left thumb proclaims as much." Then he caught sight of Miss Murray's grief-stricken countenance, and his harsh face softened.

"But I think," he added, "that you could both do with a little breakfast before we discuss the shock which this young lady so obviously has had."

"Not a word would he permit us to speak until I had consumed rushees and eggs, though Miss Murray could touch only a cup of coffee."

"Hum!" said Holmes, with a shade of disappointment on his face, after our fair client had faltered out as much of her story as she had told to me. "This is indeed a grievous tragedy, madam. But I cannot see what service I can render you. A certain Colonel Warburton goes mad; he shoots first his wife and then himself. I presume there is no doubt of these facts?"

"They are logic, madam! However, pray forgive my irascible temper of a morning."

MISS MURRAY bowed her head gracefully.

"The household was roused by the two shots," she continued after a moment. "When we looked through the window, and saw those two crumpled figures lying on the floor and the light of the shaded lamps striking a cold blue glitter from the lapis lazuli eyes of that horrible death-mask, I was seized with superstitious dread."

"You hoped it might be the work of a burglar?"

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"An unfortunate choice of words," Watson has hinted a murderer ere this. Well, well, we shall not distress the young lady! But is it possible, madam, for you to be explicit?"

To my surprise, a smile of singular wistfulness as well as strength illuminated the pale face of our visitor.

"My father, Mr Holmes, was Captain Murray of the Sepoy Mutiny. You will see whether I can be explicit."

"Come, this is distinctly better! Well?"

"Colonel Warburton and his wife," said she, "lived at number nine, Cambridge Terrace. You will have seen many such prosperous, solid houses in the Hyde Park district. On either side of the front door, behind a small strip of rock-garden, there is a room with two French windows."

"Colonel Warburton and my dear Eleanor were alone in the room to the left of the front door, talked the curio room. The light was just after dinner last night. The door of that room was locked on the inside. Each of the French windows was double-locked on the inside, though the curtain remained undrawn."

"No other person was there of whom there was no other access to the room. A pistol lay at the Colonel's right hand. There had been no tampering with any bolt or fastening; the room was locked like a fortress. These things, Mr Holmes, you may accept as facts."

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And, as I am now able to testify, Miss Murray spoke the truth.

"Yes, distinctly this is more satisfactory," said Holmes, rubbing his long thin fingers together. "What a Colonel Warburton's habit to lock the door at night?"



"One glimpse showed us George and Eleanor Warburton lying face upwards."

# The adventure OF THE SEALED ROOM

upon himself and his wife—in the curio room, you said?—each evening after dinner?"

A sudden perplexity showed in our visitor's face.

"Good heavens, no!" she answered. "I never thought of it."

"Still, I fear it cannot affect the issue. On the contrary, it strengthens the indications of madness."

Cora Murray's grey eyes were steady now.

"No one, Mr Holmes, is better aware of it than I. If it had been Colonel Warburton's wish to destroy Eleanor and himself, well, can I deny he would have bolted the door?"

"If I may say so, madam," remarked Sherlock Holmes, "you are a young lady of uncommon good sense. Apart from my Indian curios, would you say that the Colonel was a man of conventional habits?"

"Emphatically so. And yet..."

"You would speak of feminine intuition?"

"Sir, what are your own boasted judgments but masculine intuition?"

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"The fact is, Holmes," said I, "that I was interrupted this morning—"

"Quite so, my dear fellow," said he, "as you were engaged in your usual practice of lighting the fire. Your left thumb proclaims as much." Then he caught sight of Miss Murray's grief-stricken countenance, and his harsh face softened.

"But I think," he added, "that you could both do with a little breakfast before we discuss the shock which this young lady so obviously has had."

"Not a word would he permit us to speak until I had consumed rushees and eggs, though Miss Murray could touch only a cup of coffee."

"Hum!" said Holmes, with a shade of disappointment on his face, after our fair client had faltered out as much of her story as she had told to me. "This is indeed a grievous tragedy, madam. But I cannot see what service I can render you. A certain Colonel Warburton goes mad; he shoots first his wife and then himself. I presume there is no doubt of these facts?"

"They are logic, madam! However, pray forgive my irascible temper of a morning."

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"No other person was there of whom there was no other access to the room. A pistol lay at the Colonel's right hand. There had been no tampering with any bolt or fastening; the room was locked like a fortress. These things, Mr Holmes, you may accept as facts."

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As I had expected, Sherlock Holmes was moodily awaiting his breakfast. The room, bereft with the tone of his first daily pipe, which was composed of left-over doilies from the day before. His breakfast consisted of nothing strange in his life, except that he was in a hurry to be questioned.

"Yes, distinctly this is more satisfactory," said Holmes, rubbing his long thin fingers together. "What a Colonel Warburton's habit to lock the door at night?"

upon himself and his wife—in the curio room, you said?—each evening after dinner?"

A sudden perplexity showed in our visitor's face.

"Good heavens, no!" she answered. "I never thought of it."

"Still, I fear it cannot affect the issue. On the contrary, it strengthens the indications of madness."

Cora Murray's grey eyes were steady now.

"No one, Mr Holmes, is better aware of it than I. If it had been Colonel Warburton's wish to destroy Eleanor and himself, well, can I deny he would have bolted the door?"

"If I may say so, madam," remarked Sherlock Holmes, "you are a young lady of uncommon good sense. Apart from my Indian curios, would you say that the Colonel was a man of conventional habits?"

"Emphatically so. And yet..."

"You would speak of feminine intuition?"

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Cora Murray paused for a time as though marshalling her thoughts, and then began to speak in a low but tense voice.

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"Eleanor Warburton was my best friend in India. She is an exceptional beautiful woman, and I am not being unkind when I say we were all surprised when she consented to become the wife of Colonel Warburton. He was a soldier of distinguished reputation and strong character; but not, I should judge, on any scale with whom to share one's domestic life. He was inclined to be fussy and short-tempered, especially about his large collection of Indian antiquities."

"Please understand that I liked George well enough, else I should not be here now. And though their life was not without its curio—in fact, there was a quarrel last night—there was nothing, I swear, to account for this present horror."

"When they left India, I accompanied them to the house in Cambridge Terrace. There we lived almost as though we were at a hill-station in India, even to the white-clad figure of Chundra Lal, George's native butler, in a house full of strange gods and perhaps strange influences, too."

"No matter! Last night, after dinner, Eleanor demanded to speak with her husband. They retired to the curio room, while Major Earnshaw and I were sitting in a little study called the den."

"One moment," interposed Sherlock Holmes, who had made a note on his shirt-cuff. "A while ago you stated that the house had two rooms facing the front garden, one of these being Colonel Warburton's curio room. Was the other front room this den?"

"No. The other front room is the dining-room. The den lies behind it and the two do not communicate. Major Earnshaw was holding forth rather worriedly when Jack hurried in."

"A welcome arrival!" interposed Holmes. "If I take it you refer to Captain Earnshaw?"

"O UR visitor raised her frank, clear eyes. "A very welcome arrival," she smiled. Then her face clouded. "He told us that the hall, on his way through the hall, he had heard the sounds of a quarrel between his uncle and Eleanor. Poor Jack, how annoyed he was. Here I've come all the way from Kensington to see the old man," he cried, "and now I don't interrupt them. What keeps them quarrelling all the time?"

"I protested that he was doing them an injustice."

"Well, I hate rows," he replied, "and I do feel, if only for uncle's sake, that Eleanor might make more effort to get on with the family."

"She is devoted to your uncle," I said, "and, as for yourself, it is only that you feel as we all do that you live your life too recklessly."

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"When Major Earnshaw suggested three-handed whist, a two-handed point, I'm afraid Jack wasn't very courteous. He must be reckless to risk a glass of port in the dining-room. So Major Earnshaw and I settled down to a game of bezique."

"Did either you or Major Earnshaw leave the room after that?"

"Yes. As a matter of fact, the Major did say something about fetching his snuff-box from upstairs. Under other circumstances, I, too, should have done so."

"Yes, I noticed that he slipped his key into his pocket, and he was moodily silent, busy at his lip, as a four-wheeler carried us through the street."

"Holmes," cried I in protest, "it would be monstrous to encourage false hopes in Miss Murray!"

"My friend looked at me in his cold imperious fashion. "My dear Watson, I neither encourage hope nor do I discourage it. I examine evidence, Vella tout."

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"I sat there, Mr Holmes, with the cards in my hand, and as I waited in that silent room it seemed as though all the nameless fears of the night gathered slowly round me. I remembered the glitter in Eleanor's eyes at dinner. I remembered the brown face of Chundra Lal, the native butler, who has seemed to glaze over since the death-mask was brought into the house. At that precise moment, Mr Holmes, I heard the two revolver shots."

In her agitation Cora Murray had risen to her feet.

"Oh please, don't think I was mistaken. Don't think I was misled by some other noise, or that these were not the shots which killed George and..."

Again she paused; and, as I now know, she had not been mistaken. Drawing a deep breath she sat down again.

"For a moment I was absolutely petrified. Then I ran out into the hall and almost collided with Major Earnshaw. He was muttering some incoherent reply to my questions when Jack Lasher came out of the dining-room with the decanter of port in his hand. 'You'd better stay back, Cora,' Jack said to me; 'there may be a burglar about.'"

"The two men ran across to the door of the curio room."

"Locked, curse it! I remember Major Earnshaw crying out. 'Lend a hand, my lad, and we'll have this door down.'"

"Look here, sir," said Jack, "you'd want siege artillery against a door like that. Hold hard while I run round and try the French windows. As a result, all of us ran outside..."

"All of you?"



# The FABULOUS MOUNTBATTENS

**GRUMPY** the Admiralty got out its pen and made another entry opposite Mountbatten's name in Fleet orders: "Rear Admiral; Seconded temporarily duty Viceroy."

In India the machinery of government was running down. It was Mr Attlee's personal decision to approach Mountbatten with a request to apply his immense drive and dynamic personality to the establishing of full self-government in India within a definite stated period.

Mountbatten at first declined. It was only when King George VI reinforced his Prime Minister's request that his objections were overcome, and even then he demanded a guarantee that his naval career would not be affected.

Reaching Delhi on March 22, 1947, he and his wife succeeded in four weeks in completely transforming the whole relationship between British and Indian.

His brief laid down a transfer of power to the Indians not later than June 1948. Within a few days of his arrival he had made up his mind and taken the fateful decision that the date should be advanced by nearly a year.

That the British Government accepted his recommendation does not absolve Mountbatten of his responsibility.

It is contended that he went too fast, and that this haste was a direct cause of the appalling massacres that followed partition at midnight on August 14, only a hundred and forty-five days after his arrival. It is an argument largely hypothetical.

## Unparalleled

Those who really know the Indian scene proclaim loudly to this day that if the militant extremists had been given another ten or twelve months civil war would have reduced the great sub-continent to a reeking slaughter-house.

By the time the transfer of power occurred the Mountbattens' prestige in India stood at its height, and the unparalleled scenes of mass affection for them were a true reflection of the volte-face in Indian opinion concerning all things British.

As the situation slowly cleared Mountbatten was able to devote a little time to personal and family affairs.

In November 1947, he flew home with his wife to attend the momentous marriage of his nephew to Princess Elizabeth.

There was something peculiarly fitting in the presence at the wedding of the man who had just been instrumental in removing the title of Emperor of India from the sovereign's escutcheon, standing in loco parentis to the young consort on whom will fall such a large share of maintaining the dignity and position of the Crown in this modern age.

## The Viceroy went to sea again

From command of Combined Operations Earl Mountbatten went as Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia. Again his appointment caused a sensation, but there was more to come when he returned home at the end of the war. The Labour Government appointed him Viceroy of India.

When the Mountbattens came back for good from India the problem was to find employment for a man who, before reaching the age of 48, had held the highest appointed office in the British Commonwealth. There is no hint that Mountbatten wavered at any time in his decision, which was to return to the Navy.

To the general astonishment he appeared perfectly happy to take up the appointment which had been interrupted by his Viceroyalty, that of Rear-Admiral commanding the First Cruiser Squadron with the Mediterranean Fleet.

## The conclusion

From being the effective ruler of a sub-continent, he found himself twenty-sixth in order of precedence in the tiny island of Malta.

There is no escaping the conclusion that the example of his father is what bulks largest in Earl Mountbatten's life.

He has now reached again the eminence he enjoyed in the special conditions of war.

As Allied Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean he is responsible to General Ridgway at S.H.A.P.E. for the lines of communication to the European theatre. General Ridgway in his responsibilities for the lines of communication to the Middle East, and he has overall co-ordinating power for naval and air movements in the Mediterranean, including the American Sixth Fleet.

It is very doubtful whether the Americans would have been willing to yield such powers to any other Englishman.

## Whispering

A quiet whispering campaign has gathered strength depicting Earl Mountbatten as the "power behind the Throne," because of his relationship to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Those who propagate it must have highly simplified conceptions of the checks and balances of the British Constitution.

There is very little hope in Britain for anyone who thinks to use the Crown as a tool to further his ambitions.

The two obstacles to such interference are the sovereignty of Parliament and the conventions of the constitution—those unwritten rules of British government which are

disobeyed only at the peril of the whole system.

And, above all, there is the acute sense that Earl Mountbatten has always shown of the constitutional proprieties.

It may yet prove, however, that his greatest contribution to our affairs has been to communicate his hereditary standards and contemporary outlook to the nephew who has brought such lustre to the family name.

The Duke of Edinburgh's upbringing was something of a group enterprise, involving his grandmother, his parents, two uncles and a sister.

But the personality most deeply imprinted on his formative years was his Uncle Louis (Earl Mountbatten), through whom he derives his aptitude, now suspended, for naval service and in the liberal environment of whose household he acquired his attitude to a modern world.

To pick up the first threads of the Duke's background we must go back to the beginning of the century. It was in October, 1903, that Prince Louis of Battenberg took a few days' leave from his duties as Director of Naval Intelligence to attend the wedding at Darmstadt of his daughter, Princess Alice, to Prince Andrew of Greece.

## Skylarks!

A mood of praiseworthy innocence ran through the festivities.

Whether they realised it or not we cannot perceive, but the sands were running out of the little private hour-glass of a world in which most of the wedding guests lived.

War and revolution were to shatter their life and some of their lives before two decades had passed, and a new, more forbidding and more demanding world was to be the lot of most of their descendants.

Admiral Mark Kerr, Prince Louis's biographer, wrote this account of the celebration shortly after leaving Darmstadt, where his close friendship with Prince Louis had made him a fellow guest:

"At the completion of the marriage rites there was a large dinner given in the old Palace, and to make it absolutely informal all the suites were dispensed with, and after dinner even the servants were relegated to the background, when the newly-married couple

were going to drive away in the carriage about 9.30 p.m. on the start of the honeymoon."

"While we waited for the bride and bridegroom to change their clothes, everyone was skylarking about, more like a Bank Holiday on Hampstead Heath than a royal ceremonial."

"It was given the bridegroom's overcoat and hat to hold, and was standing next to the Grand Duchess Vera when Prince George of Greece seized the hat and put it on his aunt's head, knocking her spectacles off and damaging her collar."

"She was, I think, one of the first ladies with bobbed hair I had ever seen."

"Deprived of her spectacles she could not see who was the aggressor. However, she pulled the hat off and started to hit me over the head with it."

"Queen Alexandra, who was standing close behind and saw the whole incident, found the opportunity for having a little joke, so she went back until she found my sister, and told her: 'Your brother has been so funny. He has put his hat on the Grand Duchess Vera's head, and knocked her spectacles off.'"

## Paper 'bombs'

"My sister evidently thought the champagne had been too much for me, and hurried forward to remove and, if necessary, remove me."

"I don't think she quite believed my statement of innocence until she heard a chuckle, and looking round saw Queen Alexandra laughing heartily at the success of her joke."

"We were each supplied with a white paper bag of rice, and a satin shoe, and when the bride and bridegroom were ready the host, the Grand Duke of Hesse, who was the bride's uncle, acted as butler and called up the carriage."

"One of the other members of the Royal Family, acting as footman, tied a shoe to the back of the carriage just before the bride and bridegroom entered."

"Showers of rice and slippers followed them as they drove out under a strong electric light, near which was gathered a group of 'man selectives' with ammunition boots on their feet and umbrellas in their hands."

"The carriage had to go about sixty yards and then turn into a street which was lined with spectators about six deep, waiting to see the departure of the bride and bridegroom."

"Almo, directly they had started the Emperor of Russia called out, 'Come along, we can catch them again outside,' and started to run. Everyone in their larks, ribbons and stars followed him, the children of the party hanging on to his coat-tails."

"As they came but under the light it appeared to the detectives that something unusual was happening, for the paper bags must have looked like bombs, and the satin shoes gleaming under the searchlight appeared very like daggers."

"Thereupon they shouldered their umbrellas and joined the rush."

"The Emperor went straight for the backs of the people, who were anxiously awaiting the passing of the Royal carriage."

"Putting his head down," he rammed them and gradually pushed his way through the six files of human beings, shedding the children from the coat-tails on the way, and reached the street at the moment when the carriage was going by with Prince Alice bowing her acknowledgments to the cheering crowd."

"At this moment she received the contents of the full bag of rice, which the Emperor had carried, in her face, followed by the satin shoe."

"Costing dignity aside, she caught the shoe, and leaning over the back of the carriage hit the Emperor on the head with it, at the same time telling him exactly what she thought of him."

"This so overcame him that he remained in the middle of the road shrieking with laughter, while the bride resumed her seat with a charming smile, looking more beautiful than ever."

## To London

This idyllic picture provides us with our first introduction to Prince Philip's parents. During the eighteen years that were to intervene before his birth—the last of five children—on June 10, 1921, at his father's beautiful villa, Mon Repos, on the island of Corfu, many unkind buffets were to be the first fair promise of his parents' marriage.

Prince Philip was three months old when he first visited the country which was to make him Duke of Edinburgh. His mother brought him to London when she attended the funeral of her father, Prince Louis of Battenberg.

On their return to Greece, disaster overwhelmed the family. King Constantine found that he had inherited the ambitious plan of his former Prime Minister for a Greater Greece, to include the Western portions of Turkey.

The whole nation was for once united in a fervour to extend this territory, and a large army had been transported to Turkey for the purpose.

The result, after initial Greek successes which brought the forces to the outskirts of Ankara, was a great military defeat.

Philip's father, Prince Andrew, was in command of one of the Greek army corps. When defeat led to insurrections in the forces and revolution at home, King Constantine had to abdicate again, this time in favour of his eldest son, George, the first part of whose reign was to last barely fourteen months.

But the search for scapegoats went further. The revived Revolutionary Committee placed three royalist ex-prime ministers and the commander-in-chief on trial for their lives.

Prince Andrew was summoned from his home on Corfu on the pretext that he was required to give evidence, but on his arrival in Athens was promptly arrested and put on trial.

## His escape

Only personal intervention by emissaries of King George V of England, the King of Spain and the Pope saved him from the fate of his fellow prisoners, who were lined up and shot in the prison courtyard after the merest semblance of a trial.

Princess Alice, leaving her one-year-old son in the Corfu villa, made her way to Athens at great personal risk to be at his side. When her husband was released they left the country in the British cruiser Calypso, gathered up their family, and leaving behind everything they possessed, embarked on a life of precarious exile in Paris.

The family found itself in very reduced circumstances. Paris was full of royal exiles endeavouring to accommodate themselves to a world of harsh realities for which they were ill-adapted.

Another member of the Greek Royal Family who had sought refuge there was Prince Andrew's brother, Nicholas, father of Princess Marina, later the Duchess of Kent. He was a gifted artist, and not only managed to support his wife and three daughters by giving lessons in painting, but was able to call a respectable number of canvases under the signature of "Nicholas, le Prince."

Prince Andrew still conceived sufficient private means to lease a modest estate at St Cloud, and Princess Alice started a small business selling traditional Greek embroidery and needlework. It was against this background that her small son grew up.

**NEXT SATURDAY:** Prince Philip comes to Britain as a high-spirited prep-school boy. He climbs on the roof of Kensington Palace and dares a policeman to fetch him down. He grows up, joins the Navy... meets and marries Princess Elizabeth.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON OFFICE BOYS

**OFFICE** boys are far from easy to get in Britain, although many large firms have standing arrangements with the employment exchanges which ensures a regular inflow.

It is not a particularly popular job because some employers purposely dismiss the boys just before their term of National Service to avoid being compelled to re-engage them on their discharge from the services 18 months later. Neither is it well paid compared with many "quick money" openings now being offered to youngsters.

To remedy the shortage, girls of 16 and 18 are often employed, and if they do well are promoted to better paid clerical jobs.—Ian Macleod.

## NEVER HAD THEM

**TRYING** to explain to a German about office boys is like explaining to any other foreigner why the Briton drinks tea, or why it rains more at home, or why Britain is an island.

Germany has never had office boys, partly because Germans do not drink tea in the office. If they feel the need for refreshment the secretaries or the rest

The office-boy with his days off for his grandmother's funeral, was once as much a Music Hall joke as mother-in-laws. Now the jokes are no more. Chiefly because the office-boys are quite often either elderly gentlemen—or non-existent! This week correspondents describe the type one finds in different countries.

of the staff sneak out one by one and plug an electric hotplate in the wall somewhere.

The nearest the German office gets to having an office boy is a messenger, but there is no nonsense about him making cups of tea, or saucing the boss. He runs official messages and that is that.—Antony Terry.

## LIMITED DEMAND

**THE** demand for office boys in Denmark is so limited that the supply is sufficient. The largest offices prefer men as indoor and outdoor messengers. There isn't even a native Danish word for office boy. The Italian "piccolo" is used for them and hotel pages.

It is generally the lot of the junior typist to run errands and do odd jobs. The "ych hour" is but a half hour, so sandwiches are eaten on the spot by all, including the boss. After lunch, coffee is the "junior's" responsibility and

less some senior typist can be coaxed (or flattered) into making it.—James White.

## BIG PROMISES

**A** SALARY of between £14 and £17 a week and the promise of quick advancement are the only ways of getting office boys in New York. Even then the boss might have to throw in the name of "Office Administrative Assistant."

Office boys practically disappeared in New York during the last war. Some offices hired girls, but the majority learned to get along without such help.

In the old days, in walking into a big office to see the boss, the receptionist would call a boy to show you in. Now the chances are the boss's secretary will come out—or maybe the boss himself.

The shortage of boys is so acute that telegraph companies rely on elderly men and women to deliver messages.—John Sampson.

## OFTEN OVER 60

**PRACTICALLY** every Vienna office, large or small, has an office boy. He is rarely under

forty, and often over sixty. He makes tea or coffee except for himself, and this he does fairly often.

The Vienna office boy's time is divided between:

1. Carrying files, letter-trays and other office impedimenta about the building.

2. Making "odd purchases" for, and "obliging" generally, anyone sufficiently important to have a claim on his services.

3. Competing with the Austrian post office.

This, it seems, is the main raison d'être of his existence, and he spends most of his time cycling or walking round Vienna delivering the firm's mail by hand. Generally speaking it is up to the "perfect secretary" to make her chief's "evenings."

In the larger "general offices," the best coffee-maker is chosen for the job—regarded as a highly skilled and exacting task—and allowed a lot of latitude.

This VIP spends most of her (or his) time huddled in a corner of the office fiddling about with pots, cans, cups, saucers, and some kind of coffee-brewer, for coffee time is not a kind of "break" as in England, but a continuous round of little cups of brown liquid, starting soon after the office opens and lasting throughout the day.—Elisble McEwen.

## DESPAIR OF ALL

**PARIS** are certainly office boys and girls in France—and middle-aged ones, too. The last few days of the all

Ministry, tax-collector's office or such-like. They seem to be a special physical type, something like Neanderthal man, with extremely shallow brain-pans, rudimentary manners and total incapacity to do anything not sanctified by routine. To judge by their wooden faces, most of them also have Parkinson's disease.

Otherwise, Paris offices and business houses are staffed by cheery whistling young lads and girls. They don't do much in the way of getting afternoon tea because there's nothing like tea-time in France. Though if the boss feels like a croissant they'll slip out and get it—and some have even been known to return inside forty minutes.—Stephen Coulter.

## NON-EXISTENT

**OFFICE** boys in Switzerland aren't. Young fellows who go into offices on leaving school, serve as apprentices and learn at once to do a clerk's work.

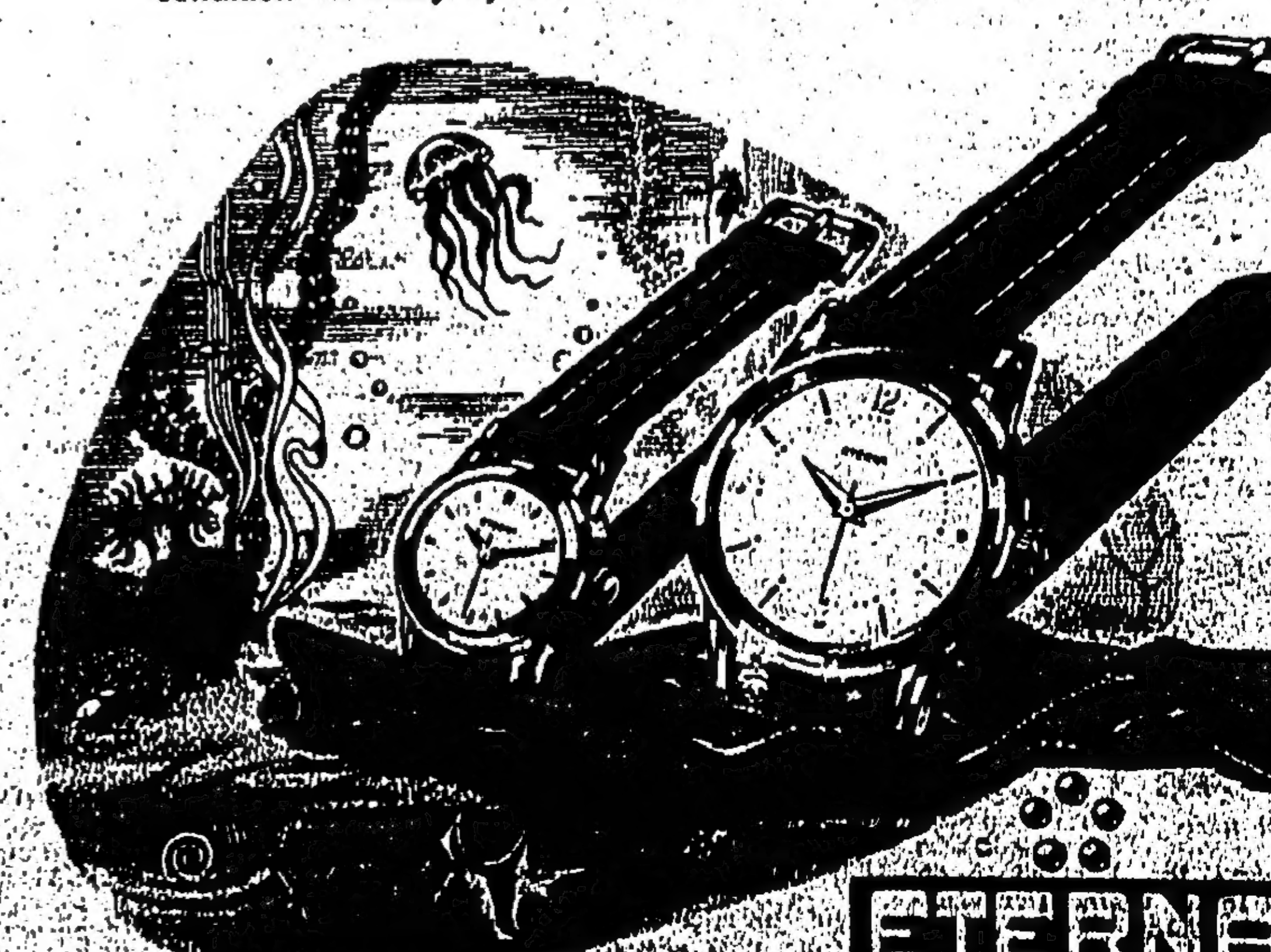
In Switzerland self-gunning envelopes "tend to eliminate envelope-licking, and franking machines, at least in big concerns, are doing away with stamp-licking. The only errand to be run outside the office is to carry letters to the post office or pillar-box—for one never sees a cup of tea in a Swiss office.

The Swiss are early risers and "evenings" begin "Midi" in the French part of the country and "minuit" in the German part. Managers and any other members of the staff who are permitted to do so run out to the nearest cafe for a mid-morning "cup of coffee." The other members of the staff, who are not permitted to do so, wait—Robert Allen.

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THERE was never a show like it. The audience at Wyndham's Theatre, London, clapped everything everybody did. And at the end the roar that went up nearly scared me. It reminded me of the end of the war.

They yelled "Author!" till your ears hurt. Every one was dragged on stage for a bow. The corridors backstage later were crammed like the tube at rush hour. Every artist was hugged and kissed and wrung by the hand, over and over.

That was how "The Boy Friend" reached the West End. The £1,000 all-British show that started at a club theatre last March—was brought back by public acclaim—and moved up to Swiss Cottage, bigger and better than ever. "Bring it to town at once," I write.

by JOHN BARBER

Str Bronson Albery saw it and "grabbed it with both hands" for his important Wyndham's Theatre. It is the only British show I remember that I would call devastatingly chic. This is a musical comedy of the 1920s. It is no burlesque, but a loving re-creation of the Charleston Age, heyday of high licks, low waists, cloche hats, sweet smiler, and boob-poop-a-loops.

EVERY word and coy note is by quiet, scholarly Sundry Wilson, 29, who spent months conning old books, photographs, and old show memories.

His deliberately fatuous plot dollops—now a finishing school girl loves a messenger-boy, till, at Carnival Time in Nice, both find they are millionaires. Told in song and dance, as they danced and coquetted a war and a lifetime ago.

But come backstage with me for this night of nights. See what it meant to them—youthsters, from seaside summer shows, in the West End for the first time with their vo-do-de-o-dynamite.

7 p.m. They are all in the theatre 90 minutes before curtain-up. They came by bus and tube, sick with nerves. "La, Anne," and "Hi, Tony," they smile wanly.

They have been together for 11 months. But no one ever dreamed they would get so far. Three girls share the gracious No. 1 dressing-room. Anne Rogers, at 20, the youngest leading lady in town, is putting on her blond wig.

On the door she reads the names of previous occupants of this room: Ivor Novello, Gertrude Lawrence. "I wouldn't know all those old-timers," she smiles.

Buffy and Anne like that. All Manchester is in her shattering calm. After a show at the Players' last year a charming playwright bowed to her and said: "Impeccable, my dear, impeccable." "Thank you very much," said Anne.

Afterwards they told her it was Noel Coward. "Oh," she said, "I have heard of him." Tony Hayes comes clattering down the stairs. "Zero hour," he shouts. He is dressed like Burton. His story is tougher.

Tony may look 20, but he is 32, has been on the stage since 12. The war killed his likely career as a "juvenile."

Now the tosses a new chance. He has the male lead now. For ex-Desert Rat Hayes, that may mean a new life.

It is 8.35 P.M. No. 1 room is full of 1920 flappers and

their sporty boy-friends. They crowd round a bonny big girl, their producer. "Did you guess?" they clamour. "Are you pleased, really?"

They refer to the present they have just given her, a silver cigarette-box inscribed with a line from the show: "It's a very pretty name, and you live up to it. To Vida Hope."

Vida fights back tears to make a speech. "Together you are indestructible and invincible," she tells them. "There is no theatre you cannot conquer. Because you never try to outplay each other or pinch each other's laughs."

"On stage, please," someone calls. The party breaks up in panic. The audience hardly matters. The celebrities saw the show months ago.

All through the first act the company crowd in wings to hear the applause. "How are they?" whispers Tony, as Anne comes off the stage. "Rather nice," says calm Anne.

SOMEONE else is more accurate. "It's getting so high, it's frightening." In fact, they are becoming hysterical.

"Oh, oh, listen," says Denise. "The bit Princess Margaret laughed at so much she dropped her cigarette holder." It comes:—

The mere idea of living in a palace is  
So full of fallacies.

because they were fit, not too old (all are in their forties) and remembered a good deal from their prewar jobs.

What did they remember? Anything about Luftwaffe being a training ground for Luftwaffe bomber crews? About reconnaissance photographs taken during peacetime flights for use in the war to come?

"Never anything like that," said John Rathje, a prematurely grey handsome man of 47 with 15,000 flying hours, who for 12 years flew the night mail from Germany into Croydon Airport.

"No, things like that would have been quite impossible," he said, and the others jovially agreed.

Herr Rathje has left a successful industrial agency built up since the war, so that he can fly again; Rudolf Mayr, another of the quartet, has given up his hire car business in tourist-bus Heidelberg.

Now all four are on their way back to being captains of aircraft again. All cherish the hope that from Luftwaffe will develop another world-grinding Luftwaffe. What was it Herr Blume said of starting to fly again? "We are all so pleased to find there is so little we have forgotten."

—Hugh Cleland



FASHION CHANGES FACES TOO—The girls in the show (left) and as they appear in real life. Their names: Denise Hunt (top left); Maria Charles (right); Juliet Hunt (bottom left); and Joan Gadsdon (right).

# Lighter Side Of Life Under The Soviets

By RITCHIE McEWEN

HOWEVER sombre their existence may become, human beings always seem to find the courage to "raise a laugh"—even if the laughter is sometimes a trifle wry.

Ninety million of our fellow men who live behind the Iron Curtain are undergoing the bleakest winter since the war. Less food, less warmth, than ever before—such is the outlook for them in these first months of 1954. Yet these people—the citizens of Russia's satellites in Europe—have not lost their sense of humour.

Even after eight years of despotism, they still contrive to make light of their troubles and poke fun at their more fortunate masters.

Here are some of the best jokes to come out of two of the satellite territories, Poland and Eastern Germany.

An old Polish peasant, when told there was bread for sale that day, exclaimed proudly: "Thank God!"

"God has been abolished," the Communist shop assistant and good Party member protested sternly. "You should give thanks to Comrade Malenkov!"

The old peasant pretended not to hear, and presently asked if there were any meat to be had.

"No meat today," snapped the assistant.

"Thanks to Comrade Malenkov!" said the old man fervently.

QUESTION: What is the difference between the sun and Poland's coal?

Answer: The sun moves from East to West; Poland's coal from West to East.

With this conundrum, and other quips of a similar nature, the shivering citizens of satellite Poland (one of Europe's richest coal-mining countries) are trying to keep Polish homes from turning after Father Frost's expert quotas have been fulfilled and the armaments industry has taken its share.

There's hardship behind the Iron Curtain, but neither politics nor privation can kill mankind's sense of humour. Here are some of the amusing stories currently crossing the frontiers of Russia's satellites.

But Poland's trouble with Russia is not always one-way. At the border between Poland and the USSR a strange thing happened the other day. One Pole told another, from the Soviet side came a vast horde of lice, marching in formation towards the West. From the Polish side came an equally huge army of bedbugs, marching in step towards the East.

The two armies met at the border. The leader of the bedbugs halted his forces and asked the lice where they were going.

"To the West to find our glorious Russian Army!" the leader of the lice answered proudly. "And where are you making for?"

"To the East to find our cosy Polish furniture," replied the leader of the bedbugs.

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SOME of the best Polish jokes come from the much-persecuted Jews.

An old Polish Jew asked his Rabbi: "Is it really possible to build Socialism in a country?"

"Why, yes," replied the Rabbi, "but you have to live in another one."

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Another Jew visited an old friend, the Polish Minister Hilary Minc, to say goodbye and tell him he was about to emigrate.

"What on earth makes you think of leaving us?" inquired the Minister.

"There are two reasons. The first is that the regime might collapse, and you and I and everyone else would be ruined."

"That could never happen!" cried the politician.

"And that is the second reason why I am leaving," said the Jew.

The Warsaw Police President is organising a competition for the best political joke. A Polish man-in-the-street informs a friend with a wink in his eye.

The first and second prizes are to be 15 and 10 years in a concentration camp.

A group of people were waiting at a tram stop in Warsaw late one night when one of their number raised a shout: "A foreigner stole my wallet!"

A policeman advanced: "An American, perhaps?" But the victimised Pole shook his head. "An Englishman, then?" Again a negative answer. "A Frenchman?"

"No, no, no!" said the man who had been robbed. "But he could have been a Finn."

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"Yes, Comrade, quite right!" exclaimed the citizen, overjoyed. "BUT YOU SAID IT FIRST."

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HERE are a couple of stories from Eastern Germany.

"Why have you arrested the innkeeper, Schulz?" the Communist asked the People's policeman.

"For hanging up the portraits of Comrade Malenkov and President Pleck," was the reply. "But that's no reason."

"It is when he uses them for a sign and his inn happens to be called THE TWO OXEN, Comrade."

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FROM Czechoslovakia come these:

A Soviet officer was telling a Czech peasant how Russia intended to deal with America. "We will pack twenty atom bombs into twenty leather suitcases and distribute them all over the United States," he said.

The peasant looked doubtful, whereupon the Russian asked him indignantly if he didn't believe the USSR had twenty atom bombs.

"Oh, I wasn't thinking of the bombs," the peasant explained. "But where are you going to get the twenty leather suitcases?"

Next on the list is this one: During a recent recruiting campaign for new members to the Czech Communist Party, a particularly ardent Communist was called to head "head-quarters" and told: "If you get two new members we will reduce your subscription by half. If you bring five, you won't have to pay anything. If you can round up ten new members, you will get a certificate to say that you have never been a member of the Party."

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A Bratislava bookseller, advertising four newly-arrived Russian books, wrote down their titles one under another on a large placard and put it in his window. It read as follows:

"WE WANT TO LIVE 'FAR FROM MOSCOW' 'IN THE SHADOW OF THE SKYSCRAPERS' 'UNDER A FOREIGN FLAG' 'WITHIN THE HOUR, both placard and bookseller were in the hands of the police."

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LASTLY, from Czechoslovakia, this gem:

A police unit was carrying out a routine check in a small village. One of the first houses they entered was one belonging to a very old man, respected peasant woman, who had been denounced as a hoarder. The police found nothing, but shook their heads over the portraits of Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower adorning a wall in company with Czech President Zapracky and Stalin.

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## TAKING EXERCISE THIS WEEK-END?

★ Then this man has a challenge for you. To him exercise has been more than a tonic. It has meant hard cash.

## Mr Hart, 86, Finds Running Takes The Years Off

LIFE has been quite a marathon for 86-year-old Charlie Hart. This fragile-looking, wispy-haired little man—barely five feet tall—claims he has run in his lifetime more than three-quarters of a million miles. And he has not finished.

Recently he ran the eight miles from Kingston Market to Twickenham Green in 102 minutes. And after the race he issued a challenge to anyone over 65 to a 15-mile race.

The immediate reaction is: "Fantastic—but why does he do it?"

In his bed-sitting room in Stratford Road, Twickenham, Hart props in a comfortable position the feet that have taken him a distance equivalent to 30 times round the world, and gives his answer: "Because," he says, "I got a kick out of running."

"It's as good as a doctor's prescription," says a friend. "You're putting me on the reverse is the case. Running takes the years off."

But it has not always been merely a tonic.

By John Waterman

Most of Hart's 750,000 miles were pounded in pursuit of hard cash, and his career began in the check suit and sawdust world of the Victorian show-ground. Promoters realised his possibilities as a Spectacle-as-a human perpetual motion machine. They offered him wages and, sometimes, a cut of the gate money.

Hart became a professional runner in 1888 at the age of 19. He won a five-mile race at Bow Grandstand.

But his most remarkable exploits were performed after he was 50.

In 1924, for a 2300-wager and a purse of £200 he ran against a horse called Country Lassie, ridden by the famous jockey Arthur Nightingale who had won the Grand National three times. This was a six-day contest at the Crystal Palace. Hart won by eight miles.

Five years later he became the undisputed continuous movement champion of the world at Long Beach, California. He ran and danced for six weeks and two days continuously for a prize of £400.

In 1931, at the age of 64—this time for King's College Hospital funds—he walked 1,250 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours, walking day and night.

He took part in the Trans-American Marathon from Los Angeles to New York—3,000 miles in three months, running every day.

For a 10-guinea wager, at the age of 64, he raced a coach and four over the 10 miles from Windsor to Twickenham Green—and won by two minutes.

Hart has run on rock sand, cinders, sawdust, carpet and boards. He has run through floods, blizzards, and in a temperature of 130 degrees in the Arizona desert.

And he tells of the occasion when running from Toulouse to Paris when men tried to noogie him by dousing his clothes, but he kept the runners instead.

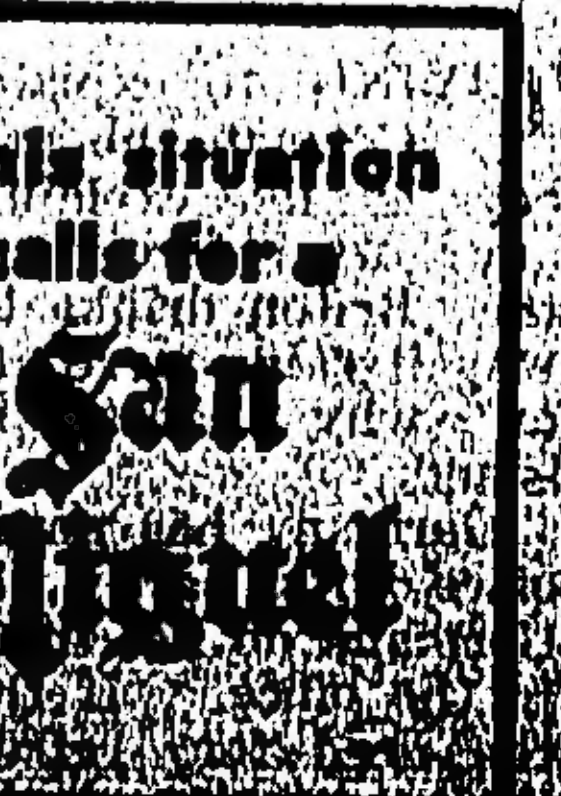
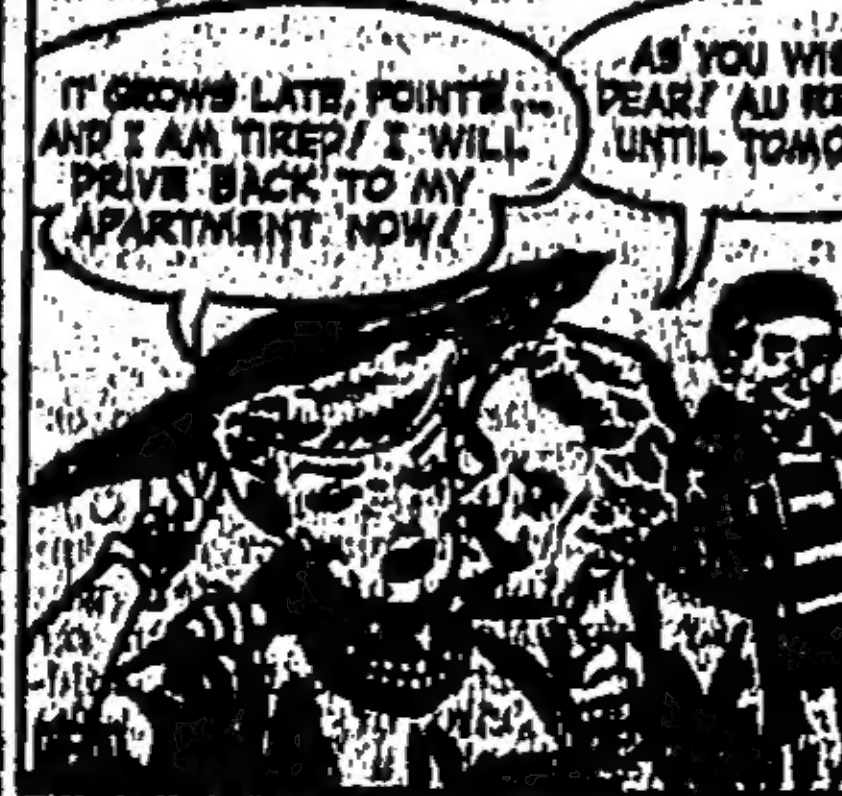
Was it a paying game? "There wasn't much money in it," says Hart. "My biggest prize was £2,000 in America."

Yet Hart is still preparing to run in further fabulous contests. "I've got several ideas in mind," he says.

By Frank Robbins

MART CAN BE

## JOHNNY HAZARD



## Hitler's airmen learn to fly in England

ONE afternoon recently, a single-engine training aeroplane landed and phut-phutted to a standstill on a Hampshire airfield. Two men climbed out.

For Walther Blume, a dark, lean man of 46, this seemed the best day of his life. The best day for eight years at any rate. He, once a pilot of Hitler's Luftwaffe, was being reminded how to fly again by an English instructor.

And as the small aircraft circled the outskirts of Southampton, which still bears Luftwaffe scars, Herr Blume took control and was allowed to land the aeroplane.

"It was really fine," he said to me a little later. "A really happy day, a wonderful day."

The last aeroplane he flew before this was a six-engined Blohm and Voss transport, carrying 120 German troops to and from the battlefields of North Africa and Europe.

Herr Blume is one of four German pilots, all former captains of Luftwaffe, who have come to England to be trained to fly again after eight years' grounding.

They will spend three months at an air training school run by a British aviation group. Then they will go to America.



WALTHER BLUME  
"It was really fine."

For their company—Lufthansa of Cologne—has bought four American 42-seater airliners, not British aeroplanes, with which to open their challenge on the European air routes.

Before the war Walther Blume (6,000 flying hours, a home in Cologne, sons aged 17 and 19, a daughter 13) flew for Lufthansa on the South Atlantic routes. He also made 28 experimental sea-plane flights from Germany to New York.

Since the war he has worked as a motor mechanic, then in the briefing department at Hamburg Airport. It was painful to watch other people flying. But "it will be useful now what I learned there," he says.

What he and the others have to learn now are all the advances in engineering, navigation, in radio-telephony, made for the last 10 years.

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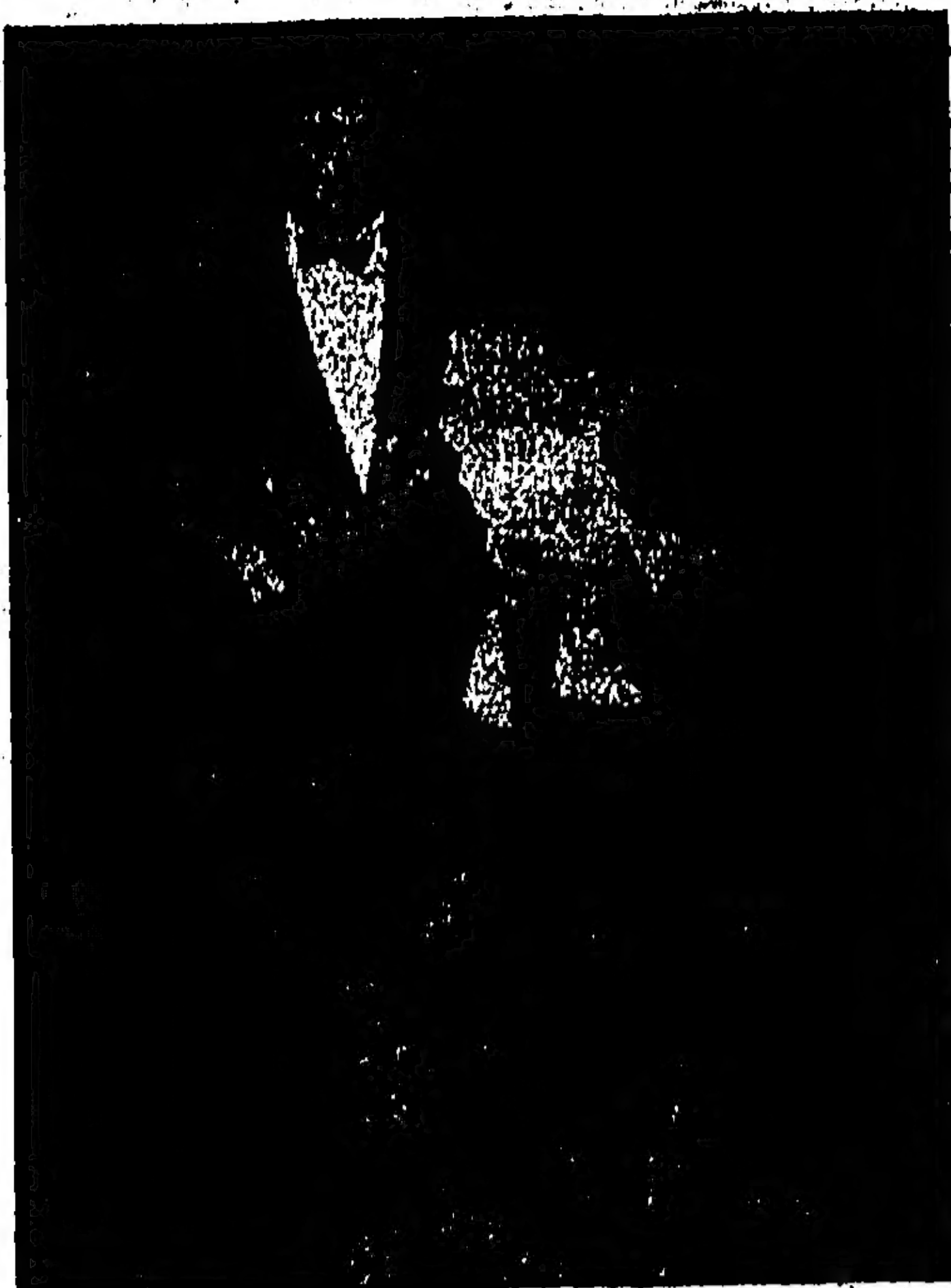
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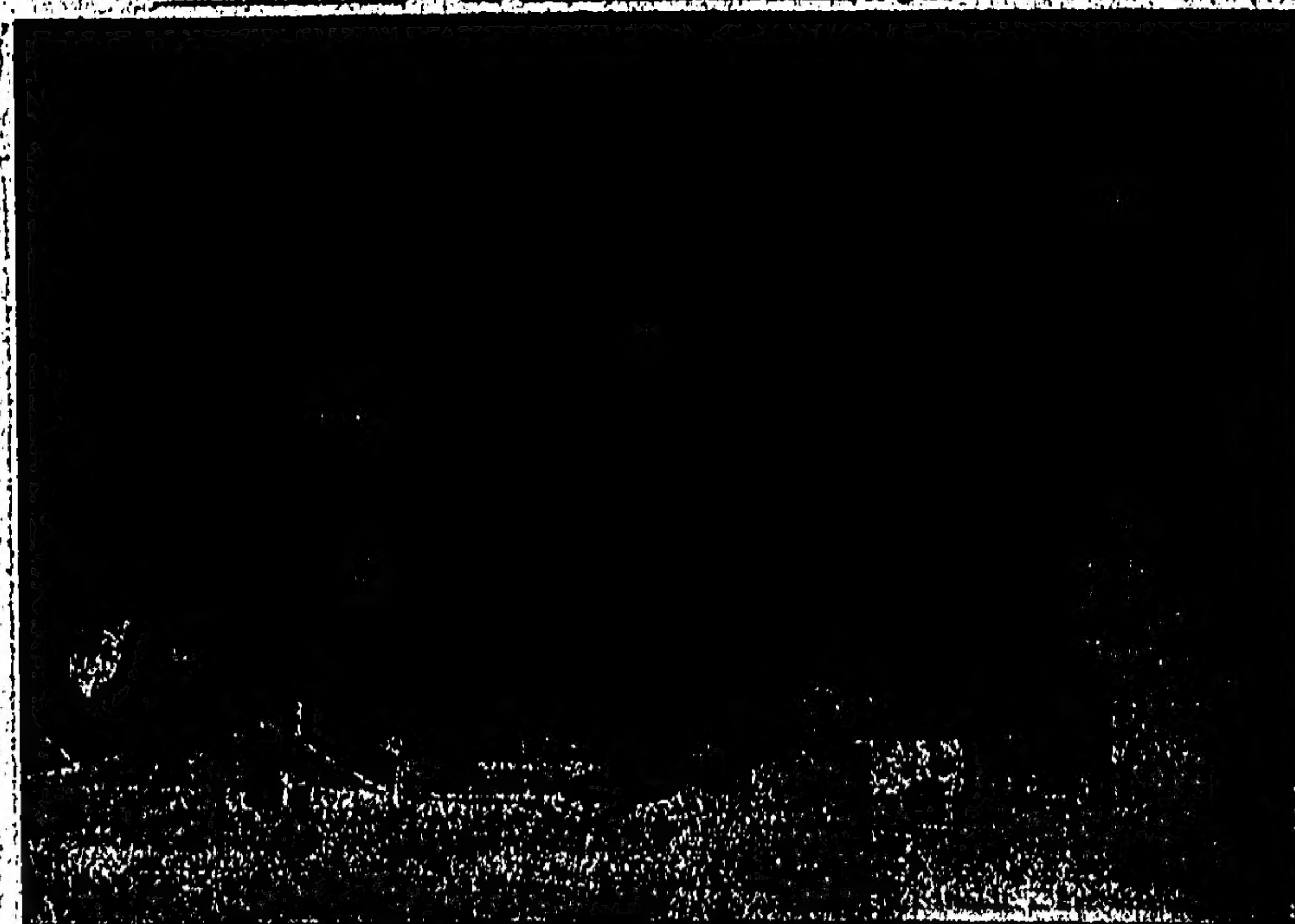




MR and Mrs E. P. Court with their son, Ian Curtis, photographed after his christening at St John's Cathedral. (Ming Yuen)



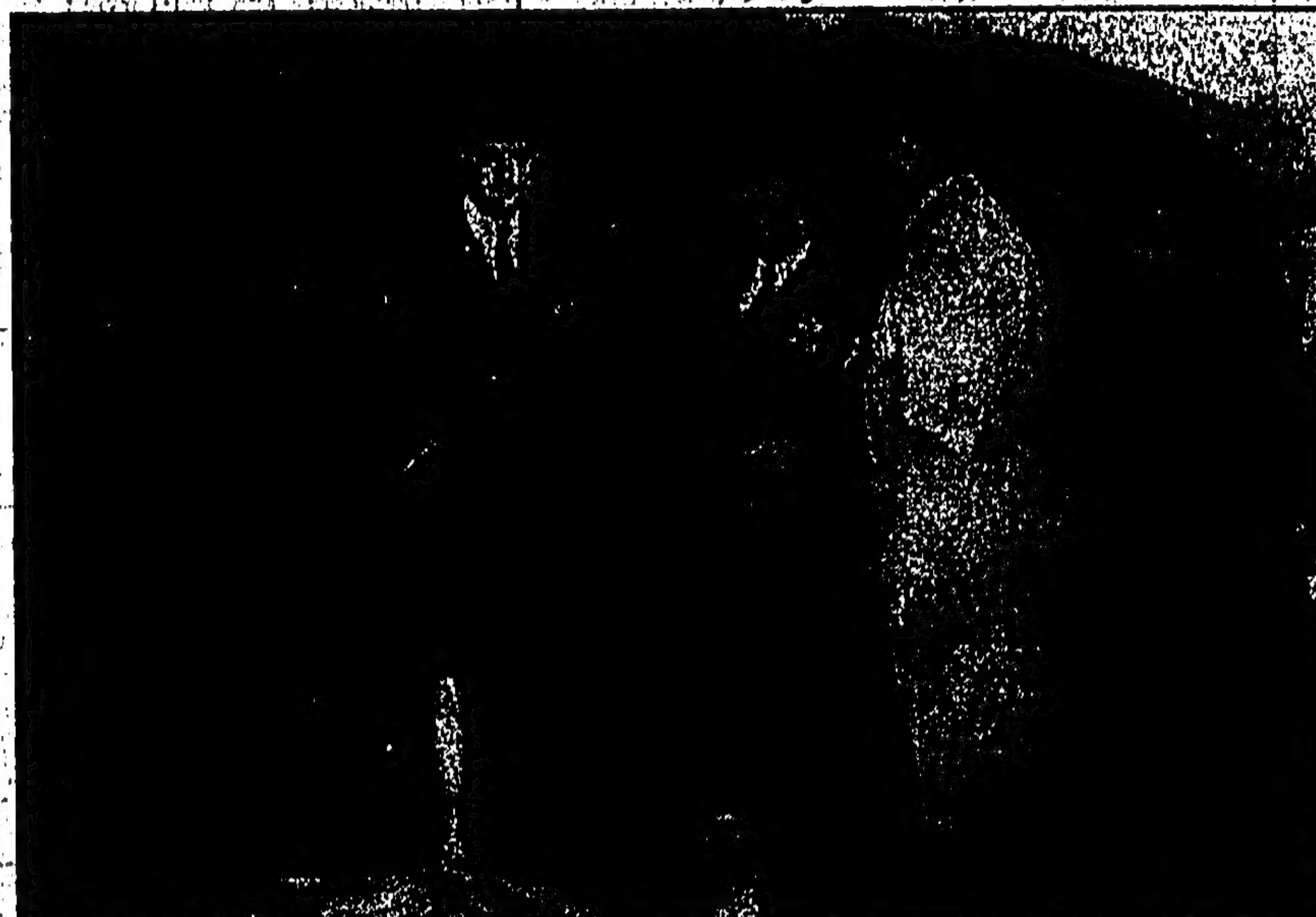
THE Rt Hon. Malcolm Macdonald, Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia (centre), watches the cooking being done for the Kowloon fire victims at an emergency kitchen. (Mayfair)



MR. A. P. Weir snapped making his Presidential speech at the annual dinner-dance of the Northumberland and Durham Association, held at the Peninsula Hotel. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Cricketers who took part in the two-day friendly match played over the Chinese New Year holidays between Hongkong Cricket Club and Combined Civilian Clubs. HKCC won by six wickets. (Staff Photographer)



THE Colonial Secretary, the Hon. R. B. Black, is seen with Mr. W. J. Blackie (centre), Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, and Mr. T. Gorazdowski (right) on board a fishing vessel displayed at the Fisheries Exhibition held at Aberdeen last week. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Mrs Percy Chen with her daughter, Eugénie Marie, taken on the occasion of the child's third birthday.



GROUP picture taken at the wedding of Mr William Derek James Pearce and Miss Judith Ann Collis, which took place at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



CAPTAIN Anthony Stoneman, RE, and his bride, the former Miss Joan Thring, pictured after their wedding at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Children of Lantau Island enjoying themselves at the Chinese New Year party given to them by the 3rd and 24th Hongkong Scout Troops at the Silvermine Bay Holiday Camp last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



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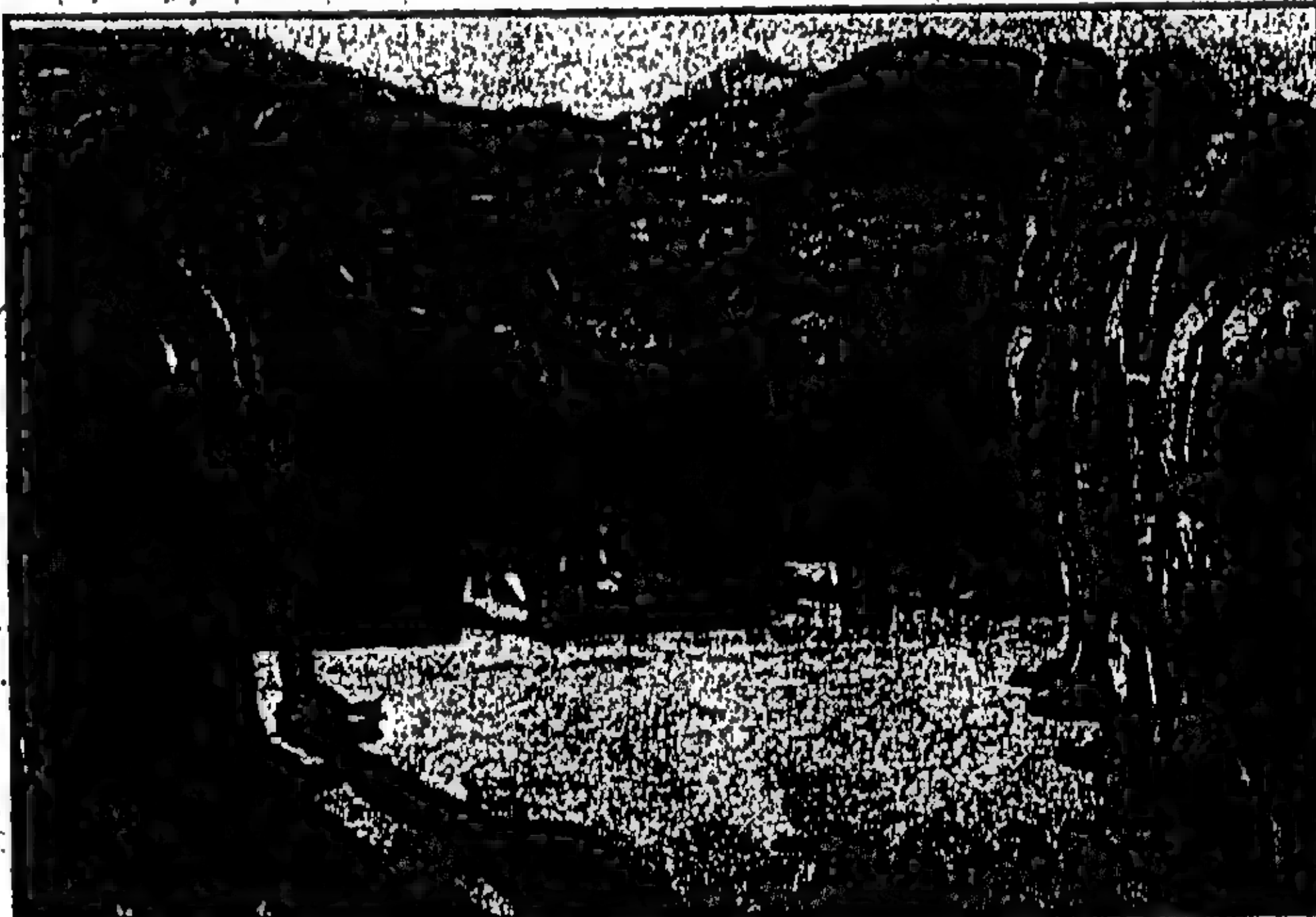
A scene from the Hongkong Stage Club production of Moliere's comedy, "Tartuffe." Nigel Waymouth is Tartuffe and Violet Dekker plays Elmire. Picture was made at a dress rehearsal. The play will be presented at the University Great Hall next Friday and Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



SOME of those who attended the Hongkong University Medical Society dinner dance last Saturday. Top (from left): Mrs. P. Phillips, Dr. D. W. Gould, Mrs. Gordon King, Prof. Gordon King, Mrs. Gould, Dr. L. Tinkler. Bottom: Dr. Kenneth Hul, Mr and Mrs P. W. Chiu, Mrs P. P. Chiu and Dr P. P. Chiu. (Staff Photographer)



THE Panamanian Consul-General, Senor Mario E. Guillen, speaking at the inaugural dance held by the Latin-American Association at the Kowloon Tong Club last Saturday. Left: An exhibition dance during the evening. (Staff Photographer)



THE Hon. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, arriving at the Apilechau Kaitang School for the official opening on Monday. (Staff Photographer)



SEEN at the dinner given by the Hongkong Football Association to the Kooze football team of Denmark. From left, Mr. (Mr.) Habard, President of the Kooze Football Club, Mr. J. Skinner, Chairman of the HKFA, and Mr. C. S. Wang. (Staff Photographer)



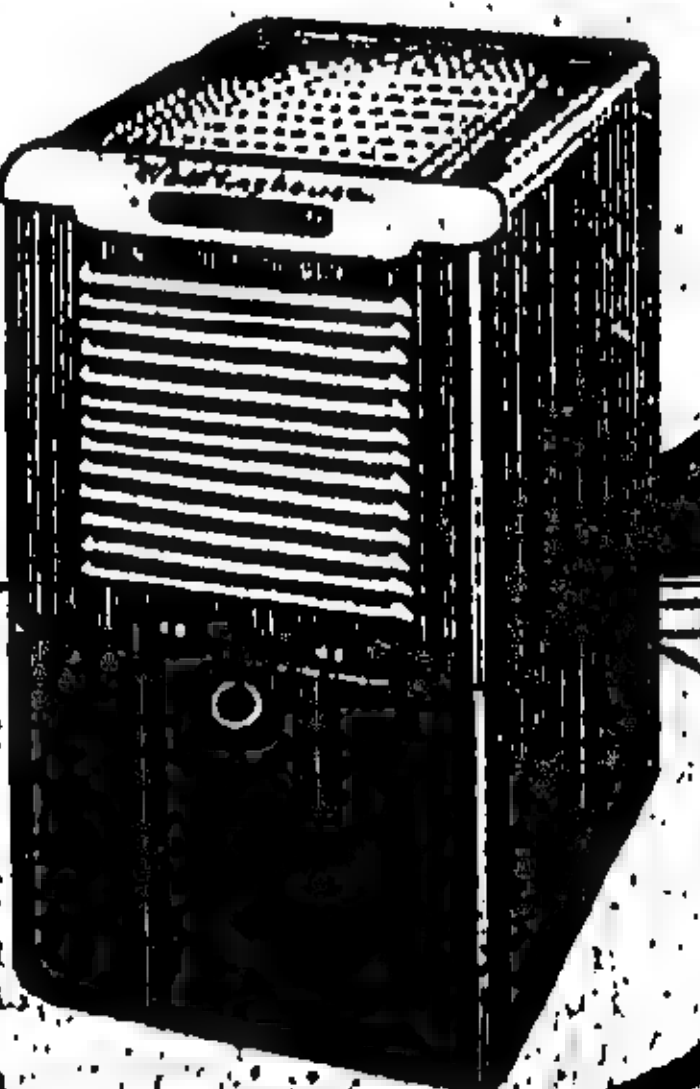
MRS G. S. P. Heywood distributing gifts to children who attended the Chinese New Year party given at the Portland Street Centre of the Society for the Protection of Children. (Staff Photographer)



THE christening of Elizabeth Mary Cocks, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Cocks, at St Joseph's Church last Saturday. The Rev. Fr. P. Cronin officiated, and the godparents were Mrs Beatrice Church and Mr. S. M. P. O'Hea. (Staff Photographer)

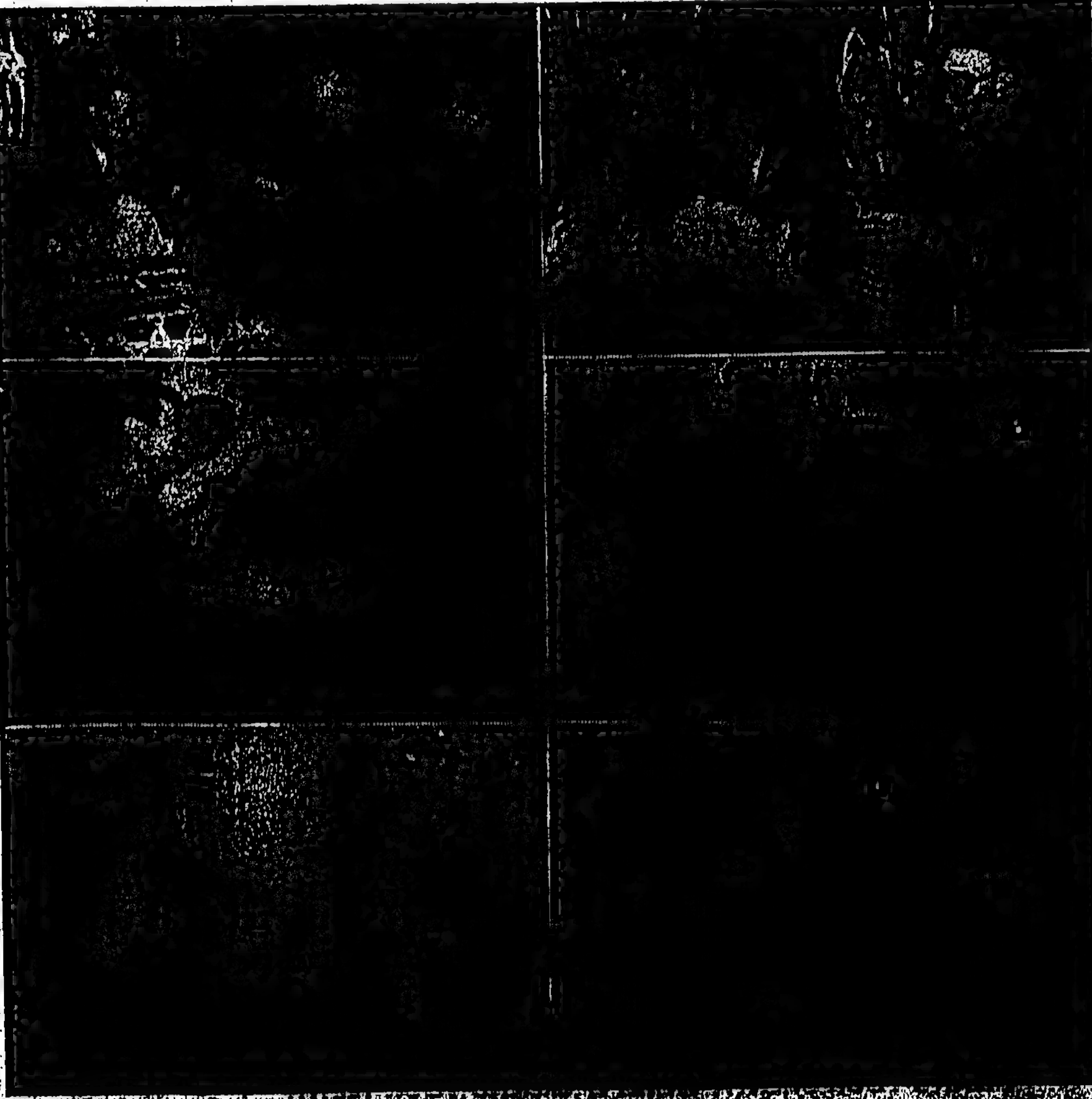
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# \*\*\* PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT \*\*\*

## DOMESTIC CHORES REDUCED TO MINIMUM BY SCIENTIFIC AIDS

A BRIEF stroll through the Domestic Labour Saving section of the "Daily Mail" Ideal Home Exhibition which opens at Olympia on March 2, will leave no room for doubt that the modern housewife—who keeps abreast of scientific developments—is incomparably more fortunate than her mother.

Apart from the fact that she can have her baby's bed an amplifier which almost enables her to hear the child breathe however far away its room may be, and listen to radio programmes from anywhere in the world, so that

confidence and pleasure replace anxiety and isolation, her work about the house is so mechanically aided that it can barely be called work. Hard water need cause her no trouble for water softeners can be bought for as little as 10s. Washing is made effortless by a variety of machines which do the job with the aid of agitators, are self-emptying and have an adjustable wringer.

For washing of a different and more recent sort there is a new machine which can wash a mass of dishes from the first crystal to saucers in a matter of minutes. Our housewife need barely wet her hands. When it comes to ironing clothes there are rotary and other ironing machines some of which enable the operator to sit down in comfort while doing the task quite as efficiently as her mother ever did it.

### Fascinating

The incessant preparation of meals is made even fascinating by a variety of aids such as potato peelers, vegetable and fruit cutters, grinders, shredders and such devices as pastry blenders. Equipped with a proper range of these utensils a housewife need do mighty little by hand. Of course there is a range to suit any sort or size of establishment from tiny electric cookers to vast affairs only different by reason of their capacity, and in all sizes they can be automatic in their operation. For really small homes there are even table top refrigerators.

During the carrying out of any of the tasks the kitchen windows need never, no matter what weather may prevail, be misted or fogged. There is a spray which will do most or almost any window and whatever the atmosphere inside the room, there is an air freshener to make it pleasant. Grandmother's comments on the modern kitchen would be interesting indeed.

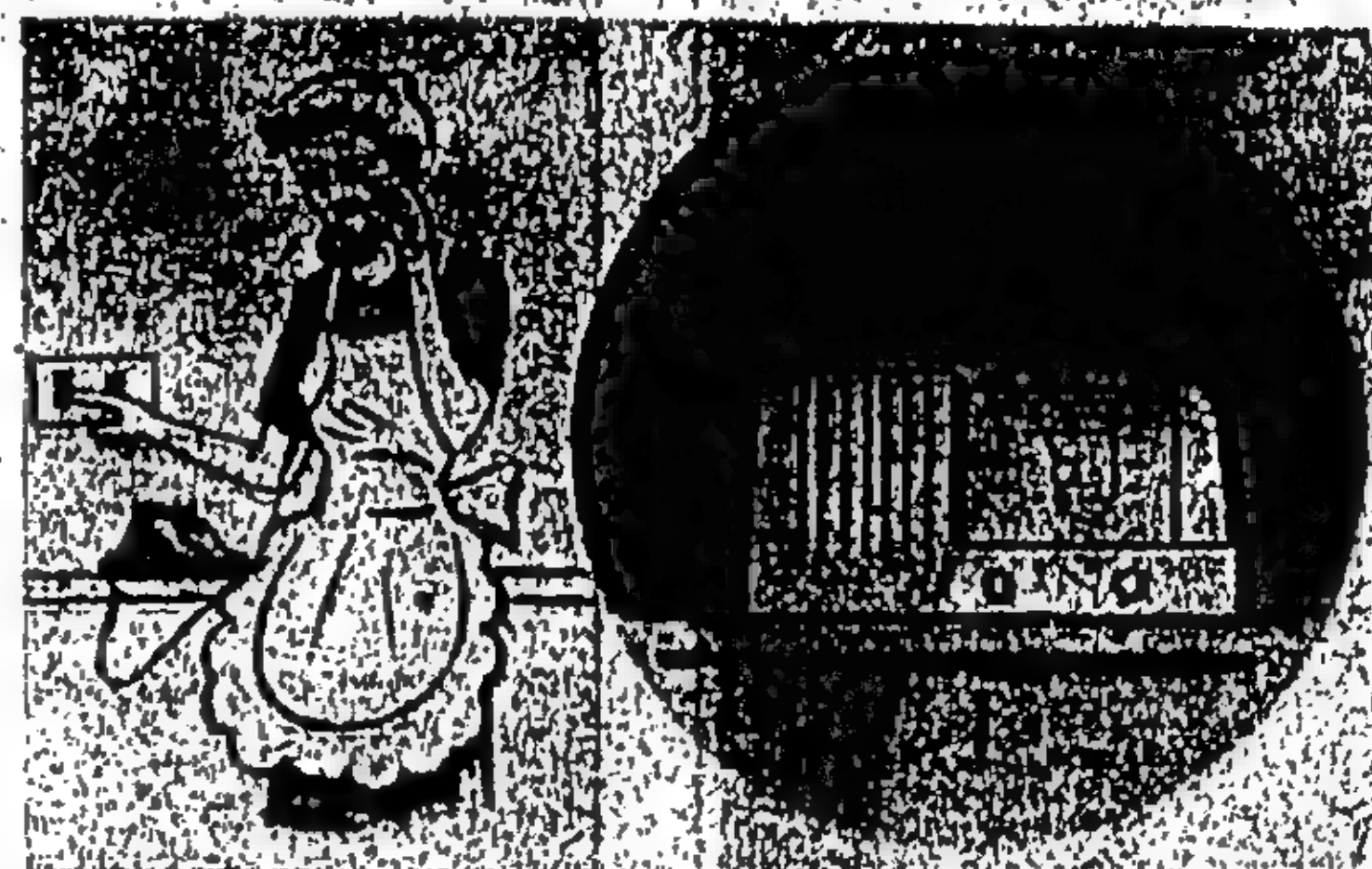
### The Contrast

It is all very well to mention these many devices but to see them actually being used by an efficient housewife—as is possible at the exhibition—still further emphasises the contrast between the light work imposed upon the modern housekeeper and her predecessors in the culinary and housewifely domain. Frequently half-a-dozen of these machines are in operation at the same time and jobs that once occupied hours are performed in minutes, simultaneously.

This principle of saving effort or labour is carried into what may be regarded as the leisure hours of the day for there are machines which will do complicated stitching, knitting and even embroidery which might well be either beyond the powers of many women or be of a sort that she would seldom have time to attempt.

However dull housework may be it can never have been less so than in these days of swift scientific development so much of which is to be seen at this greatest exhibition in the world.

## \* HOUSING EXTRAS \*



THANKS TO A REMOTE CONTROL wiring system, you can flick a switch next to the telephone and turn off the radio in another room.



BREAKFAST IN BED—well, almost. Throw a wall switch and the electric percolator in the kitchen will start making your coffee.



A HOUSE ZONED for heating usually features a round wall kitchen thermostat which keeps the room comfortable for the housewife.



By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

THE things you think of when you're building a house are elementary essentials—rooms, doors, windows, storage space and the like.

In addition, you should consider housing extras. These are conveniences you can get along without, but which would be nice to have if you can afford them.

For example, there's zone control heating, which provides separate thermostats in various areas of the house. This means you can keep the bedrooms at a cool 60 degrees, the living room at 70 and the kitchen at 65. It's a practical arrangement and, in the long run, will give you a more comfortable home and probably lower fuel bills.

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Year-round air conditioning is something else to consider. It's becoming fairly common. Linked to air conditioning is a new electronic air filter that is a boon to hay fever or other allergy sufferers. Built into the air conditioning system, it keeps particles of dust and pollen from getting into the house.

Remote control lighting is another modern convenience. Dial controls enable you to turn on lights in other rooms by a mere twist of the wrist. You can, for example, stay in

IF YOU'RE BUILDING a home, consider the installation of built-in lighting fixtures. Use them to decoratively spotlight furnishings.

bed, turn the dial and start the coffee in the kitchen cooking; put on the garage lights for a late-arriving husband or switch off the kitchen lights, which you forgetfully left on.

Built-in lighting fixtures are among the most popular housing specials. You can arrange them to spotlight the piano, a painting, provide a soft glow for each place at the dining table and so on. They're decorative and wonderful.

The built-in type of furniture is one extra some people like. It ranges from cabinets to radiators, desks, even beds. In your new home you can also have built-in bathroom scales, aquariums and garden rooms that are really the last word in fancy styling.

None of the features mentioned here are vital necessities, but we think you'll agree they'd be nice to have.

## PLASTICS HAVE MANY VIRTUES

By ELEANOR ROSS

PLASTICS are beautiful and versatile, of course, but the fact that they can be cleaned so easily and quickly that engenders them to a woman, not only for her household use, but for many items in her personal wardrobe as well. Plastics experts tell us that we haven't seen anything yet, when it comes to these synthetics, but just the same we feel that we've seen a lot.

### All-Plastic Home

At a recent home show, it was the all-plastic house that drew the most interest. Indeed, plastics were the star of the show. The all-plastic house was introduced in a modern Swedish living room group. There were table buffers and chair cushions covered with plastics, white or coloured. The plastics that are clean and with a wash of a damp cloth.

The new mattress covers are plastic and a joy to use. Indeed, the latest is a plastic sheet that grips the sheet to prevent slipping and fits tidily with a zippered closing. You don't even have to take it off the bed to wash. All it gets is a wipe with a soapy cloth, then a rinse with a damp cloth.

### For the Handyman

If there's any doubt that women really do the odd jobs about the house, handyman chores, then it should be dispelled by an item for women that has proved to hold over a wrench, screw driver and pliers. It's a plastic and has a built-in screwdriver, making it a handy tool for all sorts of jobs. It's a plastic and has a built-in screwdriver, making it a handy tool for all sorts of jobs. It's a plastic and has a built-in screwdriver, making it a handy tool for all sorts of jobs.

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# A Diplomat Was Affable In Love

**METTERNICH.** By Constantine de Grunwald, Falcon. 21s. 334 pages.

THE ideal diplomat for film directors and tailors, Metternich was handsome, well-bred, frivolous, fond of uttering sententious remarks and of punctuating them with amorous glances. His father sent him out into the world with the counsel, "Be helpful to all men and never under-estimate old women. Be flexible; be obliging."

A career based on this directive was unlikely to have any

deep sense of mission. Fate soon provided one. The Metternich family estates were on the wrong side of the Rhine, they were stolen by the French revolutionaries.

From that moment young Clement Metternich had one clear aim—to oppose the revolution and to get back the land. In the meantime, he consoled himself by marrying an heiress who bore him many children and shut her eyes to his love affairs.

As a lover, Metternich was affable rather than frenzied. Only once did the comedy of his amours threaten to turn into drama.

With unusual imprudence, he made love simultaneously to Napoleon's sister Caroline and to the wife of Napoleon's Marshal Junot. At a fancy dress ball in Paris a masked lady suggested to Junot that he should open his wife's desk and read the packet of letters which he would find there.

For once, Metternich had been too flexible, too obliging.

Junot invited his wife to make her peace with Heaven, since he was about to kill her. Changing his mind, he proposed to challenge Metternich to a duel. Next the impetuous soldier, after giving his wife a good thrashing, went off to tell Metternich's wife what had been going on.

"The role of Othello does not suit you," she told him.

## Revolution

In politics, Metternich was guided by a desire to keep his master, the Austrian Emperor, on the throne and to keep the revolutionary middle classes in their place. As for the "people," he thought them "good creatures who never wish to change so long as their material conditions are reasonably assured."

He did not pursue these policies unworried. He owned the finest vineyard in Germany. He took handsome sums from various monarchs and "borrowed" heavily from the Rothschilds. His police, his spies and his diplomacy kept the old order precariously together for more than 30 years.

But at last the dreaded revolution came even to Vienna, where Metternich and his silly, snobbish, devoted wife reigned supreme. The "good creatures" wished, after all, to change; it was time for the vain, industrious old man to pack and go.

The reader of Grunwald's biography (a pre-war book in its original French form) will find a kindly judgment of Metternich's character, some account of his love affairs and no excessive analysis of his policies.



**A GUIDE TO SEDUCTION.** By John Chandos. Muller. 15s. 263 pages.

THE professional lover is usually regarded as a comic character in Anglo-Saxon countries and as a hero in Latin countries.

His craft, which John Chandos discusses with unprejudiced



by George

Malcolm Thomson

scholarship and uninhibited zeal, has for some time fallen into contempt. For this, the decline of a lecherous class may be blamed.

There is, no doubt, still an occasional individual who keeps old customs alive to the admiration (tinged with amusement) of his women friends. He sends flowers; develops a manner nicely balanced between pleading and petulance; makes exorbitant demands and, at the slightest setback, is driven into transports of simulated rage.

He may put the beloved on a well-judged diet of such fried favourites as crayfish soup, oysters, sparrow's brains (avoiding tea and tobacco) and await results with some hope. The hope, will, however, be greater if he observes that the beloved is putting him on such a diet.

In any case, he is of a hopeful disposition, believing, with Stendhal, that "a cold woman is one who has not yet met the man she is bound to love."

He will not neglect the manner perfumes, "as much as human necessity as prayer," according to the Arab sage.

So, too, with kisses. "Three senses are blended in the kiss," says the severe but accurate

## LIBRARY LIST

• The Actor's Ways and Means. By Michael Redgrave. Heinemann. 10s. 6d.

The illustrations in this book give some idea of Mr Redgrave's range as an actor. They cannot convey the charm and wisdom which he brings to the nature of the problem and the limits of the actor's art.

• The Emperor's Clothes. By Kathleen Nott. Heinemann. 18s. 32s. pages.

With no reverence at all, but with a good deal of wit, Miss Nott aims a series of blows at the clerical fringe of literature. Idols like T. S. Eliot, Graham Greene, C. S. Lewis and Dorothy Sayers come under her displeased inspection.

Van de Velde: "taste, touch and smell. Sound should be conspicuous by its absence!"

But kisses are not for everybody. As the poet writes: "Kissing does not please the Japanese."

On the contrary, it fills them with horror. In the 1924 Exhibition of Western Art in Tokyo, Rodin's sculptured group The Kiss, was hidden behind a bamboo screen.

Love philtres having gone out of general use, the lover is thrown on his own resources, intellectual or physical. He has to be a brilliant conversationalist or join a gymnastic class.

As for the field in which he may hope to exercise his gifts, discouraging statistics emanate from the Conference of the German Gynecological Society, meeting at Heidelberg 1923. Dr. Aschner, quoting Dr. Stratz, said that only five women out of 1,000 were beautiful. No doubt, however, the conscientious lover will throw his net more widely than those five.

On the whole, marriage seems less trouble.

## PARADE

THE INSCRUTABLE SPHINX. . . . The Sphinx will replace King Farouk on Egypt's coinage—but Naguib's decision has only started his troubles.

The designer submitted a picture of the Sphinx with a whole nose. The design was accepted.

Then someone remembered that the Sphinx now lacks most of its nose—the result of one of Napoleon's cannon balls.

The revolutionary Junta met in secret session. The decision: A sketch of the Sphinx as it really is must be submitted to the fully Junta. Then a decision will be taken.

NO SKIRTS, PLEASE. . . . An 18-year-old conscript, who has paid a 25 fine in a Sydney court for failing to show up on parade.

His excuse: "They posted me to a Scottish unit and I didn't like the kilt."

An army captain took him away—back to his kilt.

MEASURING THE GLOBE. . . . A team of American surveyors has been plotting African jungles and swamps—to keep artillerymen from accidentally bombing their own side with long-range guns.

The link is an odd one. The Americans, led by a tall, thin, featured Washington engineer David Mills, have been measuring the equator—to figure out the exact circumference of the earth.

Up to now, the earth's circumference has been determined by rough calculations and a little good guessing. The stretch of jungle through Uganda, the Sudan, and the Belgian Congo has resisted surveyors. Now it has succumbed to modern aerial techniques.

Because of the guesswork, maps have been made on a national, not a global, basis. The maps never quite tally.

"Most cases of ill-aimed artillery in the last war, sometimes killing our own troops, were due to discrepancies between national maps," Mills says.

Now, all that can be put right.

RELIGIOUS FERVOUR. . . . The once-every-12-years Holy Kumbh Mela, a religious event now being held in Allahabad, produces some strange kinds of self-inflicted trials.

But one, Sadhu (religious ascetic) now taking part in the festival will surely get special mention in the heavenly gazette. He has been standing on one leg a treetop since January 9. He descends only once a day—for prayer time—and then returns to his task.

FAMILY HEAD. . . . On husbands and wives, who each claim to be the family's head, Britain's Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, passed guarded judgment in the High Court.

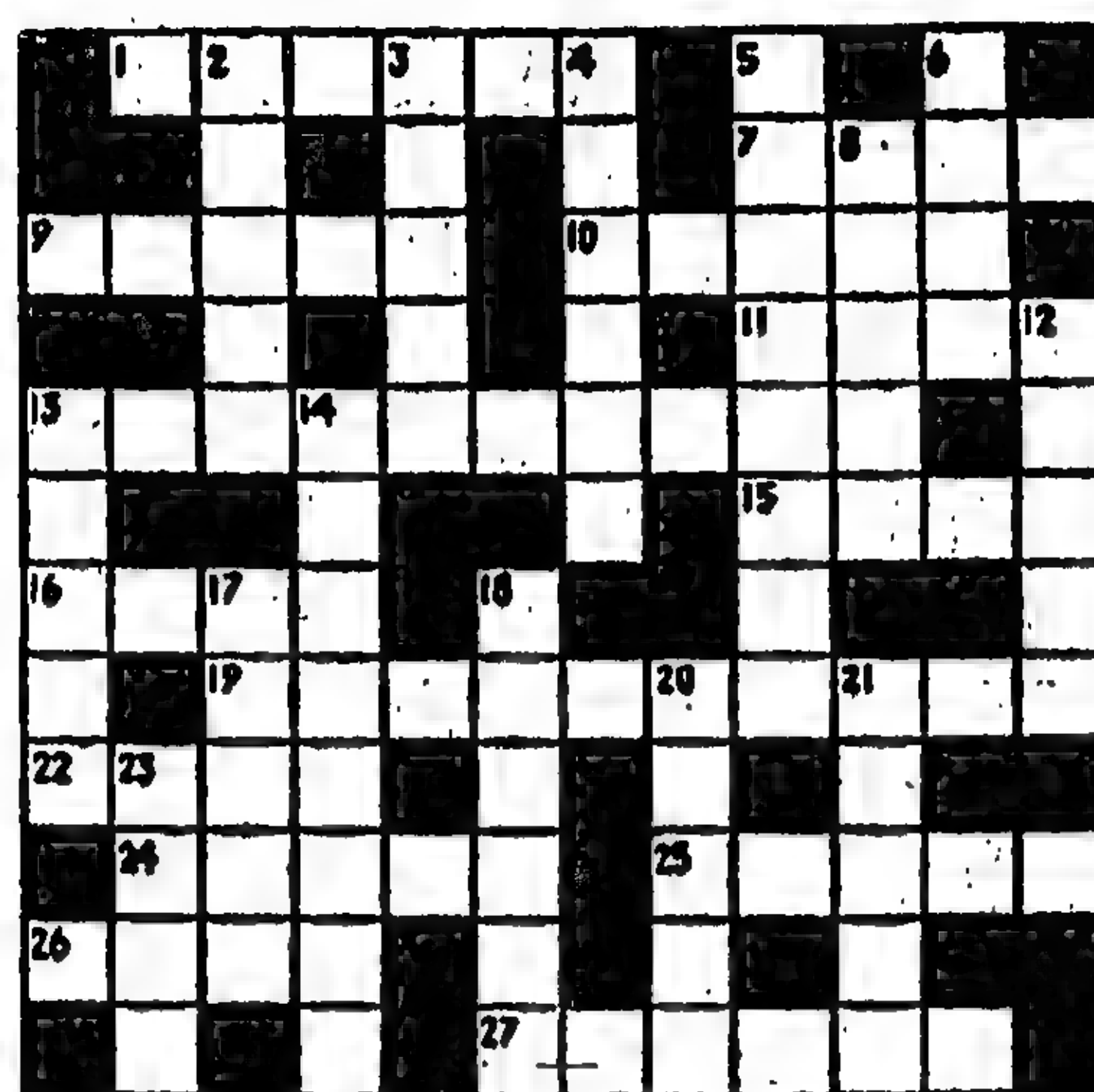
Theoretically, said the Chief Justice, the father of three daughters thought the answer was "Father."

This delicate point arose when a mother appealed against a fine imposed on her for an offence against the Education Act. The father should have been fined, she claimed.

She lost the appeal because the court ruled that the Education Act used the word "parent" in the applicable case, and it could mean either father or mother.

This was after the learned Mr. J. Collins had pleaded on behalf of the father. He argued the father was the head of the family and should be fined for the offence.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Unemotional (6).
- 7 Scorch (4).
- 9 Cluster (8).
- 10 Seat (5).
- 11 Girl's name (4).
- 13 Compels (10).
- 15 Denial (4).
- 16 Dull (4).
- 18 Dependent on (10).
- 22 Equine gait (4).
- 24 Speak (5).
- 25 Child (5).
- 26 Suspend (4).
- 27 Fact (5).

### DOWN

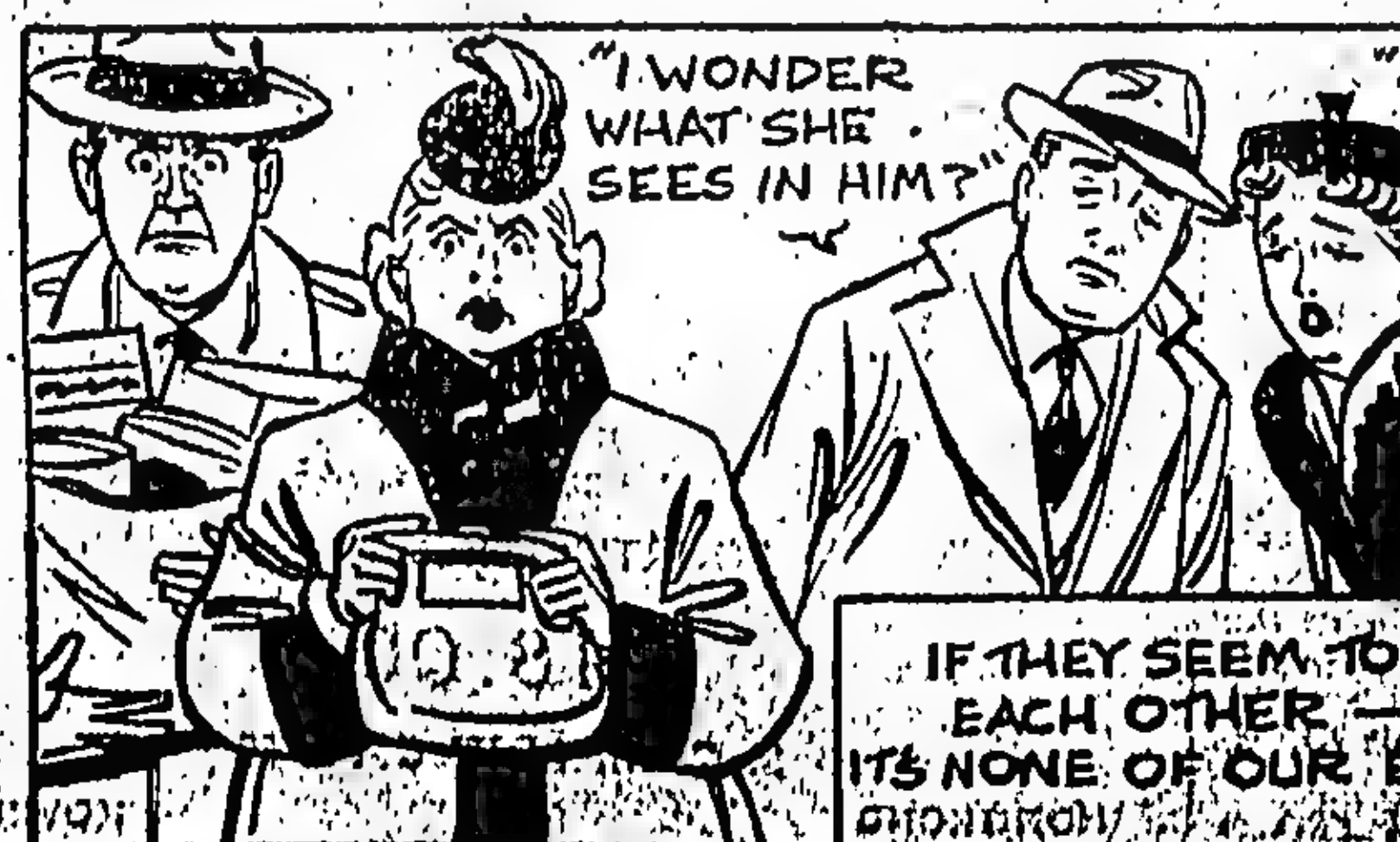
- 2 Retinue (5).
- 3 Restrict (5).
- 4 Miserable (5).
- 5 Showing disdain (8).
- 6 Stop (4).
- 8 Lift (5).
- 12 Own up (5).
- 13 Officer-to-be (5).
- 14 Willful damage (5).
- 17 Seed of the oak (5).
- 18 Bear witness (5).
- 20 Majestic (5).
- 21 Proclamation (5).
- 23 Wander (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.** Across: 1 Depose, 4 Spare, 7 Clever, 8 Berth, 10 Mean, 12 Avoided, 15 Gullie, 16 Dene, 17 Ever, 18 Onset, 20 Distant, 21 Delf, 23 Alert, 24 Teuton, 25 Study, 26 Guided, Down: 1 Deumped, 2 Presages, 3 Sped, 3 Presided, 6 Rotten, 9 Event, 11 Injured, 12 Alone, 13 Detected, 14 Destined, 18 Violet, 22 Menu.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

### It's Their Business

BY HARRY WEINERT









## THE CHINA MAIL'S WEEKEND LOCAL SPORTS PARADE

## TODAY'S RUGGER

## Army Meet Navy Today In What May Be The Deciding Match Of The Pentangular

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon brings what should be one of the most exciting, and interesting games in the Pentangular, when the Navy meet the Army at 4.15 p.m. at Sookunpoo in what is actually the decider for top honours in the Pentangular Tournament.

The Navy start the favourites as they are so far unbeaten in the Tournament, but the Army, who were rather a weak team when the Navy beat them in the first round, are now at full strength and they could easily cause an upset. That indeed is today's strong question. Can the Army do it?

The curtain rises at 2 p.m. in between the Club "B" and the RAF Kai Tak, and will be followed by the Club versus the Police in the Pentangular. Both these games are also at Sookunpoo.

In the main game of the afternoon the Navy have made one change in their team, bringing in Tully as the third three-quarter, switching Smith back to his more normal position as a half.

The result is a very strong and fast looking set of three, with a pair of halves on whom the three can depend for good and steady service. The back is as usual heavy and hard going, and should give the Army plenty to worry about.

The Navy team is on the whole a well balanced team and while they never seem to shine particularly they have the annoying fault, or so it seems to

other teams, of winning their games; mainly through steady play.

The Army have made four changes in their team—two in the forwards and two in the three-quarters. In the three forwards Poyser and Bowen, and in the forwards the newcomers are Davey and Browning, replacing Gilson and Gunton.

This gives the Army forwards a bit more weight, but it is still not enough to push the Navy off the ball. It should therefore become a battle royal between the Navy and the Army for possession of the ball in the set scrums and should give a fairly even result with the Navy probably having a very slight advantage.

The lineouts should also be fairly evenly split, and so much will depend on the three-quarter lines. Here the Navy have the advantage though not by much, but sufficient to let them win as a result, probably only by a very small margin.

Should the Army win, the top place in the Pentangular will then be shared between these two teams as there is nothing to stop them from winning their remaining quota in this round. However, the Navy, with that slight advantage throughout, should emerge the victors and eventually the Pentangular winners for this season.

## CHANCE FOR POLICE

The 3.00 p.m. game between the Club and the Police takes us down with a bump to the other end of the Pentangular table. Last week the Police won their first game, and if their forwards can repeat their second half performance for the whole game they will upset the Club without much difficulty and shove themselves a bit further up the table.

Naturally enough, having been victorious over the RAF, the Police have made no changes in

their team and if only their three forwards take a leaf out of their forwards' book and tackle, pass and mark their men better, they can hardly lose. But this, alas, is unlikely.

The Club have switched Ross back into the centre three-quarter position and brought Torville up as a half. Watson again returns to the three line and Ansell is brought back into the second row of the forwards while the remainder are unchanged from last week.

The Club pack is the weakness in the team and they are due for a surprise when they meet the Police who have markedly improved since the beginning of the season, while the reverse is true of the Club.

Without doubt the Club three are the faster and better, but it is doubtful whether the pack can get the ball back to them enough to let them do their work. This should be a battle of the forwards and the Police have the advantage in that.

The Police tackling being what it is, once the Club three get away they will find little to stop them and should have no trouble scoring. Although the Club will probably be the more fancied, either side could win. This will be a very close game with the Club barely winning.

## British Athletes Will Go Behind The Iron Curtain

British athletes are to go behind the Iron Curtain for the first time. They will compete in a match at Krasow, Poland, on July 26 and another at Bucharest, Rumania, on September 24-26.

Jack Crump, British team manager, said that the party of athletes going to Krasow would be a small one—the Empire Games will be taking place in Vancouver at the end of July—but there would be a big team of men and women visiting Bucharest.

The British Amateur Board says that because of the Empire Games in Vancouver (July 31-August 7) and the European Championships at Bern (August 25-29) no full-scale international match for men will be undertaken by the Board this year.

International matches for women, however, are being negotiated with Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia to take place on September 12, October 3 and 4, and October 6 and 7 respectively.

—(London Express Service)

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## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

## THE TIME HAS COME FOR A SENSIBLE ASSESSMENT OF OUR SOCCER STANDARD

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

If there is a more thankless task than being a footballer in Hong-kong then I have yet to find it. When they lose it is because they are not good enough, and when they win it's because the opposition isn't good enough.

I believe that the time has come for some sensible assessment of our present standards and I further believe that this assessment should be measured along a modern yardstick.

Memories, like some wines, mellow with age, but when taken in large doses they tend to fog the vision when it is applied to things present.

Let us review our current soccer position against a panorama of world soccer today and let us in the review take regard only of factors which we know to be firm.

The 'good-old days' and the 'used-to-be' have their place in records or in cherished memories, but they can have no place in any material review of our present soccer position.

## DID WELL

Recently a somewhat strengthened club side went to Australia and in a lengthy tour achieved a generous degree of success against the strongest side that Australia could raise. If we are to believe contemporary writers there is much that is good in Australian football so it must be granted that our representatives did well.

First of our visitors to the Colony this season were the Djurgarden club from Sweden. This team was rated among the best sides in Europe and just previously had held the Moscow Dynamo to a light 2-1 game before 80,000 spectators in Moscow. By any standards they were a great side.

In their first game here our boys fought tooth and nail to peg the visitors back to 2 goals—1, in common with many others, feel that that would have been the final score but for the now famous offside goal that knocked the heart out of our team... and changed the whole outlook of our players to the other games of the series.

Next came Pegasus. A name that stands for everything that is best in Amateur football in England. ... a club with a record that is almost without equal in all the history of the game. Before coming to Hong-kong Pegasus had been playing well and since their return they have again shown all the class and skill that has made them a household name in England.

When they were here they did not reach the heights that we had expected. Their spirit that had twice taken them to Wembley and in this failure we took account of their long journey, the hard grounds, the light ball and even the strange surroundings... but how little of the credit for these very ordinary displays was given to the ability of our players to play the opposition off their natural game.

## SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE

In a talk I had with one of the Pegasus players he told me that he had got the surprise of

his life when he realised the class of the Hongkong players. That we were visited by Kooze Bohlklub and the history and record of the team are too well known to require repeating here. However, I took the trouble to have a long talk with the Hungarian coach who came to the Colony with the Danes.

His observations were indeed interesting. First of all he reminded me that Kooze was currently the leading side in Denmark; he reminded me too that the Club's record against international opposition was very good and that they, like Djurgarden had held the mighty Moscow Dynamo to a single goal.

He told me that he was surprised at our playing standard because it was very much better than he had been told to expect by those who had been here previously.

In fact he implied in a subtle way that he thought this very fact had much to do with the unsatisfactory play of the team who had been previously advised that they would have no difficulty in winning.

Frankly I was disappointed with the play of Kooze and I was also disappointed with the displays put up by Pegasus. ... but I firmly believe that an important predisposing factor in these displays was the strength of the opposition put up by our representatives and I believe too that both Pegasus and Kooze would have run riot like Djurgarden if they had got just half a chance.

Our boys did not give them that chance and for that they are due all the credit that can be given to them. Our teams are better—much better—than many would have us believe.

The past is the past, and for better or for worse, it must remain so. The present, as far as our soccer affairs are concerned, is not without its moments of both satisfaction and success, but like others I feel some concern for the future.

Our football is crying out for expert coaching of our younger players, and for common sense from the fans.

It is useless on one hand to say that we have no youngsters ready to fill the places of our ageing stars, and on the other to stay away from games that do not feature the old, familiar and justly popular faces.

There is an old saying 'What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing.' Our youngsters must learn the rudiments and skills that lead to stardom... and then they must learn how to use them in the correct environment... that is in big time football.

## WEEK-END GAMES

Football fans have a very mixed bag for their entertainment this week-end and it seems that there will be something to

interest everybody. Here is the full programme.

## Today

Senior Shield Semi-final: Kitchee vs. Sing Tao at Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

Junior Shield Semi-final: CAA vs. Western at Club ground, 2 p.m.

1st Division: Police vs. St. Joseph's at Boundary Street, 4 p.m.; Navy vs. Army at Navy ground, 4 p.m.

## Tomorrow

Memorial Cup, 1st Round: Kowloon Chinese vs. Civilians at Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

Wednesday

Memorial Cup, 1st Round: Hongkong Chinese vs. Combined Services at Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

Kitchee should climb over the latest hurdle on their way to the final of the Senior Shield. Sing Tao have done nothing in recent weeks to suggest that they can hold the men who conquered South China, but if Hau Yung-rang can subdue the clever Ho Ching-to then he might give the Tigers a possible chance to pull off the unexpected.

In the two League games down for decision it seems that Police and Army should collect further points at the expense of St. Joseph's and Navy respectively.

Tomorrow's game in the first round of the Memorial Cup between the Kowloon Chinese and Civilians looks a good thing for the Chinese who have the powerful KMB side to provide the backbone of their team.

Actually it looks very much like being an all-Chinese final for it would be a real surprise for everyone if the Combined Services managed to overcome the Hongkong Chinese next Wednesday.

The duration of all games in the Senior Shield and in the Memorial Cup will be 90 minutes and an extra 10 minutes each way will be played in any of the games that end in a draw.

This Week's Talking Points: (1) I suggest that our footballers should now be given a chance to pit their skill against teams in other parts of the world, and I suggest that the local Football Association should give serious consideration to a plan to send a fully representative side on a well organised tour. After our successes against Pegasus and Kooze our stock abroad has risen and financial cover should not be impossible.

(2) Is the deliberate missing of a penalty kick really good sportsmanship... and is it fair to the other members of a team for one man to pass his own judgment on an award given to his side? We saw this happen twice last week and I know that there are many who oppose the view that such a gesture is a mark of sportsmanship... what do you think about it?

## LEAGUE CRICKET

## ARMY v. SCORPIONS THE MATCH OF THE AFTERNOON

By THE "ZOMBIE"

Highlight of this week-end's Cricket League matches will be the Senior Division clash between Army and the Scorpions at Sookunpoo this afternoon.

Although this will be the first meeting between the two teams this season, it may well prove to be the deciding one. Both teams are leading contenders for the Senior League title with Army enjoying a 10-point lead over the Scorpions, who were the winners last year.

With only four more fixtures after this afternoon's match, Army will be well assured of the Championship should they be able to score a decisive win. However, history may repeat itself in the form of the Scorpions overtaking the soldiers as they did last year in the final stretch.

A victory for the Scorpions this afternoon will not only reduce Army's lead to only six points but also put the soldiers in a very shaky first position on the League table.

The Scorpions will undoubtedly start as favourites in the return match and even a draw by Army in any of their other three remaining matches—one against Optimists and two against KCC—will mean both the soldiers and the Scorpions making this result extremely unlikely.

It should prove to be a grand match between two sides which are concentrating on attack. With only the exception of Campbell, every one of the Scorpion team can be handed the ball.

## HOWARTH BACK

With Frank Howarth back in the team in this crucial match, veteran Leach in top form with the ball and Stanton, Knight and Weller making a strong second-line trio, the Scorpions will take the field with as strong if not a stronger attacking line than Army's vanquished Alexander, Bally, Pakenham, Welsh, Weir and Withall.

The absence of Dowling and also of Pargetter among the soldiers this afternoon will enhance the Scorpions' advantage of a steeper and more consistent batting line-up with Pearce, Stanton, Knight, Weller, Leach and Stokes all capable of passing the half-century mark.

It is very unlikely that Army can outlast their opponents.

## MY BEST GOLF SHOT

## This Gave Haliburton A Record Round Of 61

Tom Haliburton, Wentworth golf professional, looking back on his second last stroke in his British tournament record round of 61 at Worthing, says "that must have been my greatest shot."

The round was followed by a 65 for a world record of 126. "My drive," he went on, "had been cut. The ball was in semi-rough on the crest of a hill, on the wrong side for the approach to the green. A bunker guarding the green on the right-hand corner was on the line of play—altogether an awkward angle. It could not pitch straight at the green because the chances were that the ball would not stay on.

## JUST RIGHT

"My experience in playing the hole was that if one pitched the ball on to the right bank, past the bunker it would kick down to the basin green. But the strength of the shot had to be just right.

"This was the shot I accomplished. My ball pitched beyond the bunker, near spectators on the bank, then swiftly rolled down to within three yards of the pin. I sank the putt for a three.

"Some spectators thought that the shot was an accident. I was fully aware, however, of what had to be done. I wanted to be certain of staying on the green and getting down in two putts.

"It so happened that I holed in one. If the ball had not finished near the pin, I would not have set up the British record."

—James Goodfellow  
(London Express Service)

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 13th February 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

## THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 8 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72311).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

## SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

## CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$10.00 Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 12th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on the race day.

## TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "oil clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Ties men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

## POP



## HE'S A DIFFERENT CHAP



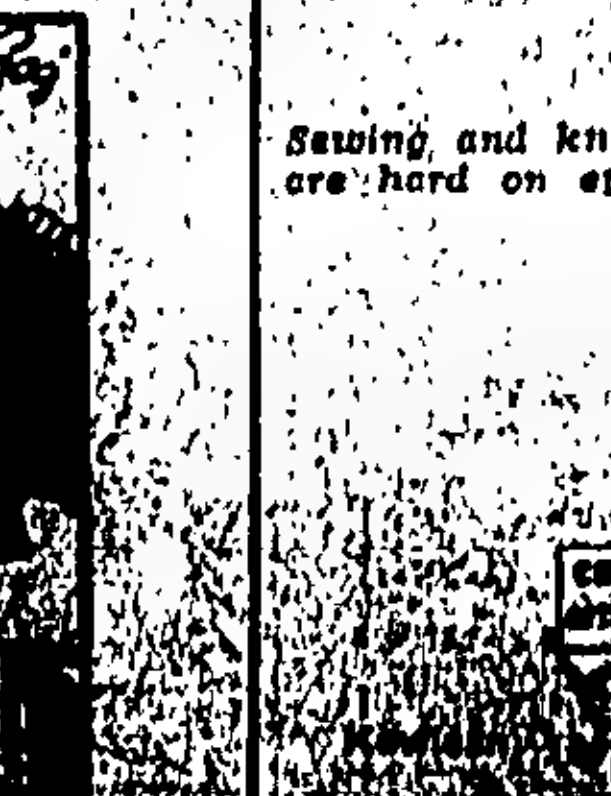
## AND YOU?



## IM IN A DIFFERENT TEAM



## Offside





## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

## SAINTS AND CAA MEET IN BATTLE ROYAL TOMORROW FOR SENIOR "A" PENNANT

By "SNOOPER"

By their brilliant 3-2 win against the USS Orca last Sunday, Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association ballplayers have quietly manoeuvred themselves into position for a strong challenge for the Senior "A" Pennant this season. They are now level with Jindoo Hussain's Saints on points with the Pandas lying third and the Braves fourth.

When the Saints and the Chinese Athletic Association meet this Sunday at King's Park, it will be a battle royal for the all-important point at the League. Starting batteries are expected to be pitcher Vic Pedruco and catcher Igmarr Erickson of the Saints and moundsman P. C. Wong and catcher Lam Leung-ping of the CAA.

Unfortunately for the Saints, they lost to the Orca a fortnight ago and this second setback may yet cost them their excellent chance of regaining the Pennant. But if the Saints can produce the form that ripped Alfredo Oliveira's Warriors to pieces last Sunday, they must start favourably to beat the Chinese Athletic Association tomorrow.

The Saints have beaten the CAA softballers earlier in the season. With this psychological advantage and with the great incentive of the League Championship to spur them on, the Saints should finish on the winning end by at least two runs.

## HIT-BUNT TACTICS

Manager Jindoo Hussain and coach Harold Winglee can console themselves with the thought that their ballplayers are capable of hitting as well as bunting.

While the Orca heavy hitters gave a scintillating exhibition of power batting, they were equally conspicuous in their display of pathetic bunting tactics. The sailors lost to the CAA outfit because of the brilliance of old reliable P. C. Wong on the mound and the sparkling form of outfielders K. K. Sit, Lee Poon-hong and Tony Kwok. Unlike the Orca who were intent on running up a huge score against their opponents, the Saints have usually broken into the winning columns by narrow margins. The Saints' strategy is excellent and I must give manager Hussain and coach Winglee credit for their players' instructions to score opportunist runs.

On paper the Chinese Athletic Association is a better side. There is nothing more difficult than to unsettle the battery of slow-pitcher Wong and Lam Leung-ping while the Saints need have fears of the pitching form of Vic Pedruco and the wildness of catcher Igmarr Erickson. If only Pedruco and Erickson can produce the same form they showed against the Warriors last week-end, they should give the Saints an important win.

In the infield the frailties of the Saints have cost them a valuable point against the Orca. Four infield errors were recorded that day and unless first baseman Ray Aldegaar, second baseman Arturo Osozio, third baseman Benny Omar and shortstop Dave Leonard back up Pedruco, I believe that even the best-laid plans of manager Hussain and coach Winglee will be wasted.

**WELL-KNIT COMBINATION**  
As they are playing now the CAA infielders are a well-knit combination and first baseman C. M. Tsang is still one of the shrewdest brains in that position.

Tsang was brought up from South China and when he made his debut for the CAA this season he was a success from the start. He has hit well and is a strong contender for the Senior "A" Batting Championship.

Remaining CAA infielders are likely to be second baseman Paul Tiu, hero of last Sunday's game against the Orca, third baseman Seldon Ma and shortstop K. T. "Rabbit" Leung.

The Chinese ballplayers are on top in the outfield department and good support should come from left fielder K. K. Sit, centre fielder Tony Kwok.

Although the Saints were delighted with the performances of left fielder Meme Xavier, centre fielder Showboat Ali and right fielder Sherry Bucks against the Warriors, my criticism is that they were at times too slow, and too often they have muffed flies.

In this struggle for supremacy, it is team spirit that will count, but there can be little doubt that the CAA ballplayers, in their quest for their first Pennant, will be out there fighting for premier honours with fury and directness. And they will have a big crowd of Chinese followers of the game behind them tomorrow.

**The team:**  
Saints: Pitcher—Vic Pedruco; Catcher—Igmarr Erickson; 1st base—Ray Aldegaar; 2nd base—Arturo Osozio; 3rd base—Benny Omar; Shortstop—Dave Leonard; Left fielder—Meme Xavier; Centre fielder—Showboat Ali; Right fielder—Sherry Bucks.  
CAA: Pitcher—P. C. Wong; Catcher—Lam Leung-ping; 1st base—C. M. Tsang; 2nd base—Paul Tiu; 3rd base—Seldon Ma; Shortstop—K. T. "Rabbit" Leung; Left fielder—K. K. Sit; Centre fielder—Lee Poon-hong; Right fielder—Tony Kwok.

## MANY OBJECTIONS

There were many objections to holding the League game between Ed Carvalho's champion Braves and the Rexes last Sunday. The Braves won by 12-9 in a five-inning game, which in my opinion, should not have been played at all. It should, in view of the importance of the Batting Championship race, be a walkover to the Braves.

Although it was sporting of manager Ed Carvalho to allow the Rexes a fair chance of playing off the game, it is common knowledge that one of the Rexes' outfielders was a member of the Junior League Comets. With the many CAA, Braves, Pandas and the Warriors batters having an eye on winning the Batting Championship title it will come as no surprise if we hear outbursts of "unfair" from a section who are convinced that their favourites had not been given a fair deal.

I have the greatest respect for manager Carvalho of the Braves

for his enthusiasm in softball and in the Braves, but for all that I insist that he has erred in benching Carlos Remedios too long. But it was rather thoughtful of Carvalho to let Remedios try his fortune at left field last week against the Rexes and he certainly impressed a lot of softball fans.

When the Braves play Chev Tsui's Carolines on Sunday, it will be interesting to find out what the actual Braves' line-up will be. The Braves have, of course, many outstanding players, such as Junior Remedios, Calau Yvanovich, Hank Killean, Spikey Gutierrez, Buli Dhabher, Roberto Nunes, Dick Chaves and Eddie Loureiro. Despite this array of stars, I think Carlos Remedios should be given another chance of playing.

**DECIDING GAME**  
Some weeks ago Bill Silva's Delawares tore the leading teams in the Senior "B" League to ribbons, then followed up with three weeks of infuriating mediocrity that saw them losing three games successively. As a result the Delawares are still struggling for top position in the loop.

The Delawares, a game behind the front-running Pandas, clash with Jack Carvalho's Wildfires tomorrow and will be faced with one of their toughest games.

The Wildfires, who hit top form last week-end to trounce the University 17-3, are not in the least bit enthusiastic about the Senior "B" Pennant for they are out of the running in the Championship race, but what they have been hoping for is to turn back the Delawares in their quest for the title, leaving the Pandas and the Americans to fight it out between themselves.

The Wildfires—Delawares tussle should develop into a pitchers' duel and an excellent game should be seen.

In the other game, Bob Suzman's Americans should brush the University aside as easily as the Wildfires did last Sunday. The underdogs lack constructive play and are most vulnerable in the infield. Pitcher Wei is capable of putting up a good show but against the Yankees' slugging squad of batters, it will be surprising if the Americans win this game by only a few runs.

The much-awaited clash between Terry Noronha's champion Wahoes "A" and Pearl Chan's Pandas in the first round Senior Ladies' Play-off Series has been postponed.

The Pandas made a special request to have the game called off because four of their players could not make the Sunday game. The girls are pitcher May Wu, outfielders Sally Lee, Lucy Loo and Amy Loo.

In the only Ladies' game of the week-end, the Chinese Athletic Association takes on the South China ladies in the first round of the Junior Ladies' Play-off Series in the morning session game and the more experienced Caroline Hill girls should win comfortably.

## GOALKEEPER KNOCKED OUT



Mills, Huddersfield Town goalkeeper, is knocked out as he makes a fine save from Chelsea inside-left Stubbs in the First Division match at Stamford Bridge. The match ended in a 2-all draw.—Reuterphoto.

## ALEC BEDSER'S COLUMN

## The One Game In Which They Do Come Back

Cricket seems to be the one game in which the axiom "they never come back" does not apply. The classic case is Wilfred Rhodes who in his 49th year returned to the England eleven which beat Australia and recovered the Ashes in 1926.

Bill Edrich, that great little fighter of Middlesex, came back last year to play a big part in England's success over Australia after being seemingly banished to the cricket wilderness by a succession of selectors.

There have been many other cases, but surely the strangest of them all was the instance of George Headley, the famous West Indian batsman, selected for the first Test of the present series against England.

For several years Headley, who has a string of records in international cricket, has been professional with Dudley in the English Birmingham League, a competition of moderate strength. Some county players have finished their careers in this League, men such as Arthur Wellard of Somerset, Frank Smalles of Yorkshire, and Alf Gover of Surrey—all internationals. Most of us thought Headley was in the same category.

**PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION**  
But a public subscription was raised in Jamaica to take him back to the West Indies to play against MCC—not mark you necessarily to figure in the Tests though that must have been at the back of the minds of the subscribers. Over £1,000 was raised.

Headley is now 44, the age when the reflex action of most men is hopeless against fast-moving balls; or if the eye is still good the legs are too slow. Headley's first efforts against the MCC were not encouraging to his many supporters. In an up-country game against the MCC he made scores of only 1 and 12, being out on both occasions to Alan Moss, the young Middlesex bowler whose progress I am watching with more than ordinary interest.

Alan actually captured George's wicket twice with three balls. Moreover Headley was struck on the arm by Freddie Trueman who is faster than Moss. I am assured in a letter from one of the players on the tour that Headley misjudged the length of the ball. It was not a bumper. Anyway Headley missed the first Colony match and in the second made only 5 in the first innings.

In the second he was undefeated for 53, but it took him five minutes short of four hours. How many runs would George have made in four hours in his peak days? He was missed twice when 28 in the same over bowled by Jim

Laker, my Surrey teammate. The next day Headley was chosen for the first Test. Has there ever been a more surprising comeback? His previous Test was in India in 1948!

## OF A DIFFERENT ORDER

A comeback of a different order is planned next season by Bob Appleyard, the Yorkshire bowler who set up an English record by taking 200 wickets in his first season. Bob was happily was then stricken with a serious illness. His career was believed to have finished. But Appleyard, who is over six feet tall, has made a splendid recovery and I learn with tremendous satisfaction that he is likely to turn out for Yorkshire again this year.

He will make a gradual start which will not overtax his strength. If he can stand up to the strain of six days a week of cricket and recapture his old form he must be regarded as one of the most deadly bowlers in England. He bowls medium pace swingers and spinners and Len Hutton, England's captain, has the highest regard for his ability. What made Bob so successful?

He had virtues which we can all copy with profit—immaculate length, control of direction and accuracy. He mixed his pace judiciously but he was always on a spot-length. I remember seeing a notice written by Clarrie Grimmett the famous Australian slow bowler on a wall at Adelaide where he was coaching at the time. It read: "Three rules for bowlers—length, length and length."

The hardest test for a young bowler who has been successful in his first season comes in his second for not only has he set himself a high standard of achievement to maintain but the grape-vine of county batsmen has begun to act against him.

There is a sort of freemasonry among batsmen and they soon pass on a bowler's strength and weaknesses. Then the test really comes from the bowler.

Yorkshire have another interesting young man returning this year in Brian Close, left hand batsman and slow off

## LEAGUE CRICKET AVERAGES

## BATTING

(Qualification—150 runs)

	Inns.	N.Q.	H.S.	Runs	Aver.
G. A. Souza (CCC)	15	3	111*	737	49.4
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	13	5	80	346	43.3
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	9	2	70	295	42.1
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	11	4	67*	284	40.6
Sarg. Lt. Millar (Navy)	7	1	60*	198	33
T. G. C. Knight (Scorpions)	10	2	75	263	32.9
Lt. Farmer-Wright (Army)	8	1	58*	217	31
W/Cdr. Kettlewell (RAF)	9	3	53*	183	30.5
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	13	0	69	392	30.2
P. V. Dodge (KCC)	14	1	60	378	29.1
Capt. De Caux (Army)	11	3	60*	230	28.7
Cpl. West (RAF)	14	1	72*	360	28.1
A. T. Lee (KCC)	13	3	67*	279	27.9
F. A. Weller (Scorpions)	9	1	50	221	27.6
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	10	2	87*	220	27.5
L. Kilbee (Optimists)	13	1	64*	312	26*
I. L. Stanton (Scorpions)	13	2	61	277	25.2
B. Dhabher (CCC)	13	2	61	277	25.2
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	10	1	75*	226	25.1
Sarg. Comm. Pearson (Navy)	10	1	75*	215	23.9
P. Wood (KCC)	14	1	54*	307	23.6
R. M. Macpherson (Optimists)	11	0	59	252	22.9
G. H. Pritchard (Optimists)	11	0	64	250	22.7
Lt. Agar (Navy)	13	2	76	248	22.3
P. A. Hall (KCC)	13	0	43	270	21.2
S. E. M. Euse (IRC)	11	1	75*	210	21.0
A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	13	3	52*	203	20.3
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	13	1	40	234	19.3
LAC Heanley (RAF)	10	0	38	305	19.1
K. Y. Tam (CCC)	13	2	75	183	18.3
LAC Armstrong (RAF)	13	0	73	192	14.8
Lt. Sadler (Navy)	13	0	35	234	14.8
H. P. Madar (CCC)	16	0	35	234	14.8

## BOWLING

(Qualification—15 wickets)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Cpl. Dowling (Army)	111.5	22	303	52	7.9
K. G. Spink (Optimists)	108.3	24	343	37	9.3
Ldg. Sig. Sims (Navy)	49.1	11	190	20	9.5
Brice (Navy)	56.4	10	169	17	9.9
D. W. Leach (Scorpions)	60.7	8	334	33	10.1
T. G. C. Knight (Scorpions)	43.5	9	179	17	10.6
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	113.2	11	400	43	10.7
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	104.4	25	344	31	11.1
Lt. Alexander (Army)	83	10	207	20	13.4
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	90.4	14	324	24	13.6
G. A. Souza (CCC)	78.2	14	247	18	13.7
Fl. Lt. Stappard (RAF)	120.2	28	410	30	13.9
AB Short (Navy)	65.5	5	262	17	15.4
Sgt. Horsham (RAF)	106.5	3	528	33	16
A. T. Lee (KCC)	67.1	10	290	18	16.1
P. Billimoria (CCC)	116.6	13	481	20	16.6
I. L. Stanton (Scorpions)	93.4	6	485	29	16.7
S. A. Vanar (HKU)	72.6	8	312	19	16.8
P. Hall (KCC)	79	9	307	17	18.1
B. Carnell (KCC)	90.1	5	392	21	18.7
J. C. Koh (IRC)	100	11	508	25	20.3
R. E. Lee (KCC)	82	5	388	19	20.7
G. H. Pritchard (Optimists)	91	8	403	19	21.2
S. M. Teh (HKU)	118.1	11	697	26	21.4

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# the BOYS and GIRLS PAGE



Hawker Hunter. P-56 Sabre. Republic Thunderbolt. Supermarine Swift

## Which plane was stolen?

**BE A DETECTIVE AND NAME THE MISSING FIGHTER**

by DEREK DEMPSTER

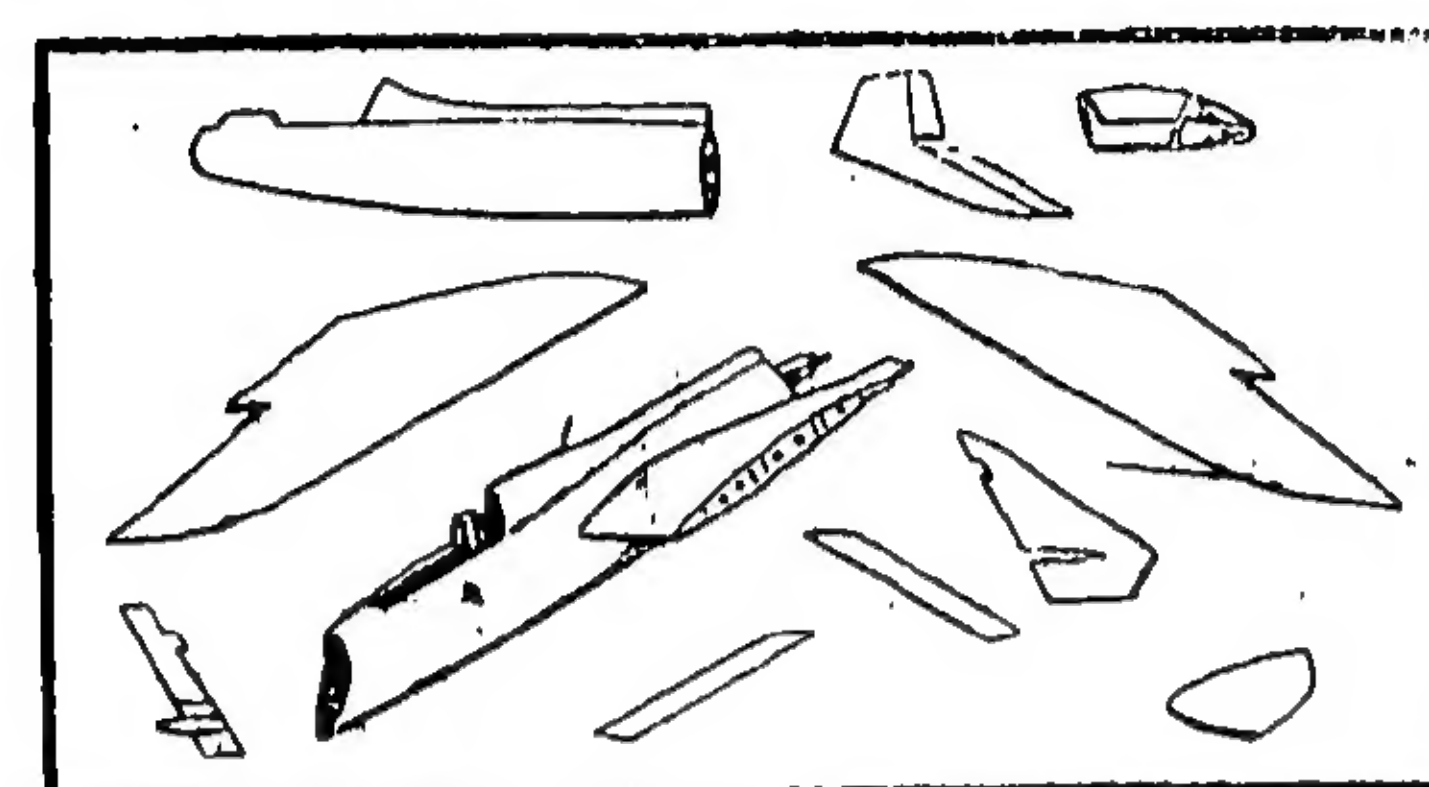
CALLING our Detection Squad into action — to solve the "Mystery of the Stolen Jet." Here are the facts! Better and faster secret, supersonic, swept-wing jet fighters are now being delivered to air squadrons; most are flown in; but some have been delivered dismantled, in crates.

One of the squadrons taking delivery has discovered — let us imagine — that only 15 out of 16 fighters have arrived. Interpol, the International Police, suspect that the fighter has been stolen by a gang eager to learn its secrets.

Now imagine that YOU have found the stolen crates. You have the parts uncrated and arranged, as in the diagram right. Now — find out what type of jet fighter it is.

You know simply that it is one of four — a Supermarine Swift, a Hawker Hunter (both British), an F-80 Sabre, or a Republic Thunderbolt (both American).

But which? Study the parts in the diagram and compare them with the planes at the top of this page. Answer just below the diagram — BUT DON'T LOOK YET.



Did you guess? The plane was the Hawker Hunter. Only the Hunter has those long thin wings. The wings join the fuselage. The Hunter has those long thin wings. The wings join the fuselage.

## Whoa, the Horse, is Very Big

—At Least Knarf Says He's Big—for His Age!—  
By MAX TRELL

THE chop-clip-dop of horse's hoofs sounded down the street. Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, hurried out to have a talk with Whoa, the Milk Wagon horse. It was very early in the morning.

Sure enough, a few moments after Knarf reached the steps in front of the house, Whoa came along, drawing the milk wagon behind him.

### Whoa Stops

"Whoa," said the Milk Wagon driver. The wagon stopped. The driver went off to leave bottles of milk and cream on the door-steps of the houses along the street.

Then Knarf went up to the Milk Wagon horse and said: "Good-morning, Whoa! It's good to see you again. How are you feeling this morning?"

"Very well, thank you," replied the horse. "How old are you, Knarf?"

"Seven and a half," said Knarf. "Is that all?" said Whoa. "How old are you, Whoa?"

"Five and a half," said Whoa. It was Knarf's turn to be surprised. "What! You're only five and half years old?"

"Correct," said Whoa. "But how did you get so big in five and half years, Whoa?"

### So Small for Seven

Whoa said: "I was just about to ask you the same thing in a different way. How did you keep so small in seven and a half years, Knarf?"

"I'm not small for a boy," said Knarf. "I'm not big for a horse," said Whoa.

Then Knarf and Whoa, the Milk Wagon horse, both laughed. When Knarf laughed, no one heard his laugh but Whoa. When Whoa laughed, his laugh was so loud that several people living in the houses at the end of the street opened up their windows and looked out to see if anything was the matter. But Whoa just laughed again.

"It's all right," he said to Knarf. "People always look surprised when they hear a horse laugh. But if people can laugh, why can't horses?"

Knarf wanted to know how Whoa (and for that matter all other horses) managed to get so big.

"Well," said Whoa, "it's a curious thing. We horses just grow and grow—except for some of us. Some of us don't grow much at all. I mean," he said, "ponies."

"Oh, yes," said Knarf. "Ponies are small."



"Good morning," said Knarf to Whoa the Horse.

"Not much bigger than a big dog. You never can tell about those things."

"Do horses eat a lot? Is that why most of them get so big?"

"That's another curious thing," answered Whoa. "I don't think we eat very much at all. Did you know, for example, that we never eat meat? We just eat oats and grass and hay with maybe a carrot now and then. What do you eat, Knarf?"

"Well," said Knarf, "I don't eat grass or hay, but I do eat oats (like oatmeal) and carrots and other vegetables. But I eat lots of meat, too."

"The Biggest Animals," "Yes," continued Whoa, "the biggest animals get biggest just eating grass and hay and leaves and carrots and other vegetables. Take the elephant. He lives on hay. Now the lion and tiger don't bother eating hay at all. They eat meat. They don't get nearly as big as the elephant or the horse or even the cow. But mind you," Whoa added, "I'm not saying the lion and tiger aren't strong. They are. I suppose you can make a rule out of all this."

"Yes," said Knarf, "this can be the rule: Eating vegetables makes you big. Eating meat makes you strong."

"And don't forget milk," said Whoa. "Everybody drinks milk—horses, cows, wolves, lions, tigers, elephants and giraffes. And—hippopotamuses and rhinoceroses too."

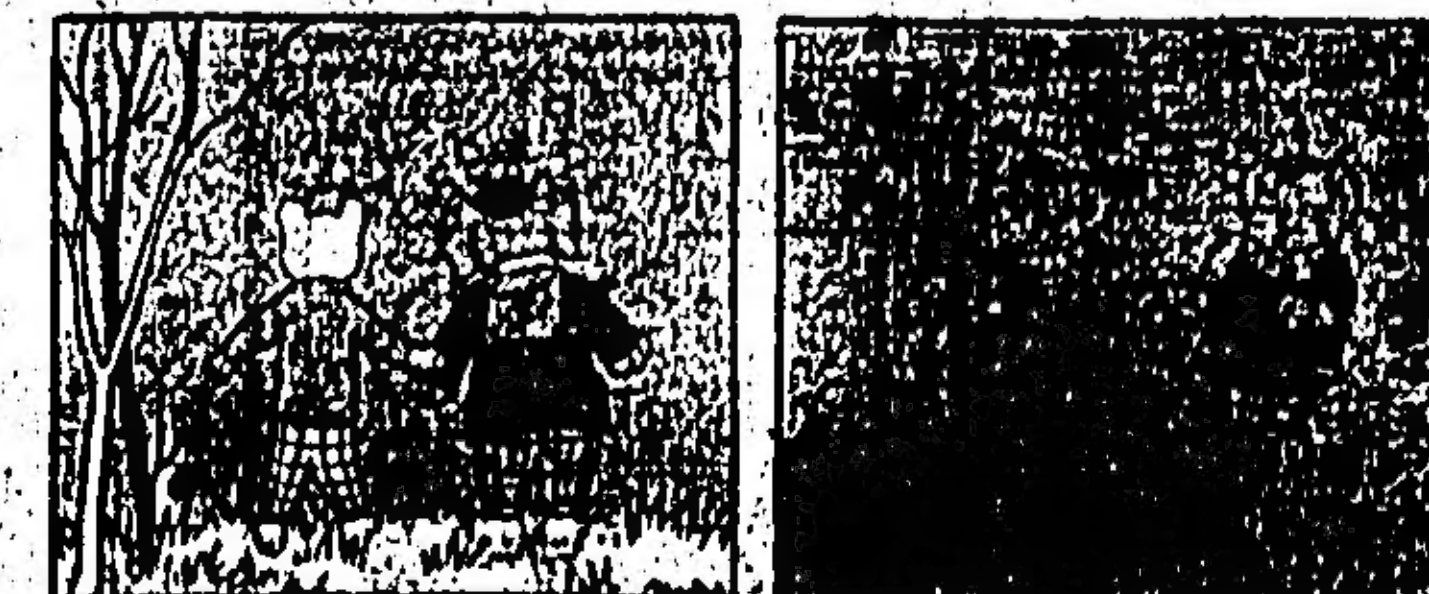
"What does milk make you?" asked Knarf. He asked it quickly because at that moment he saw the Milk Wagon driver returning.

Whoa just had time to answer: "I don't know exactly what milk makes anybody, but I sure tastes good."

Then the Milk Wagon driver climbed back into the milk wagon and said: "Clidap, Whoa!"

And Whoa went chop-clip-dop around the corner and down another street.

## Rupert and the Compass—10



When they are at the top of the two friends look back at the wall of fog beyond the bank. "We don't know where our way leads," said Rupert. "We must be the first time to go and compare our maps with the map he takes from his pocket."

## Hearts For Your Valentine

HERE are instructions for making original Valentines for Valentine Day, which falls tomorrow.

**SEW YOUR VALENTINE**—Draw an outline of a heart on stiff coloured paper. With scraps of red yarn stitch the heart as you would on a sewing card. Draw initials in the corners of your card and stitch them with red yarn, too.

**VALENTINE BRACELET**—The boys would like to make this for "special" friends. Draw 10 hearts on cardboard so that each is about an inch wide. Cut out the hearts and cover each one with a thick layer of plastic wood. When this has dried paint each heart red with show-card (tempera) paint. Punch a hole in each heart with a large needle and string the

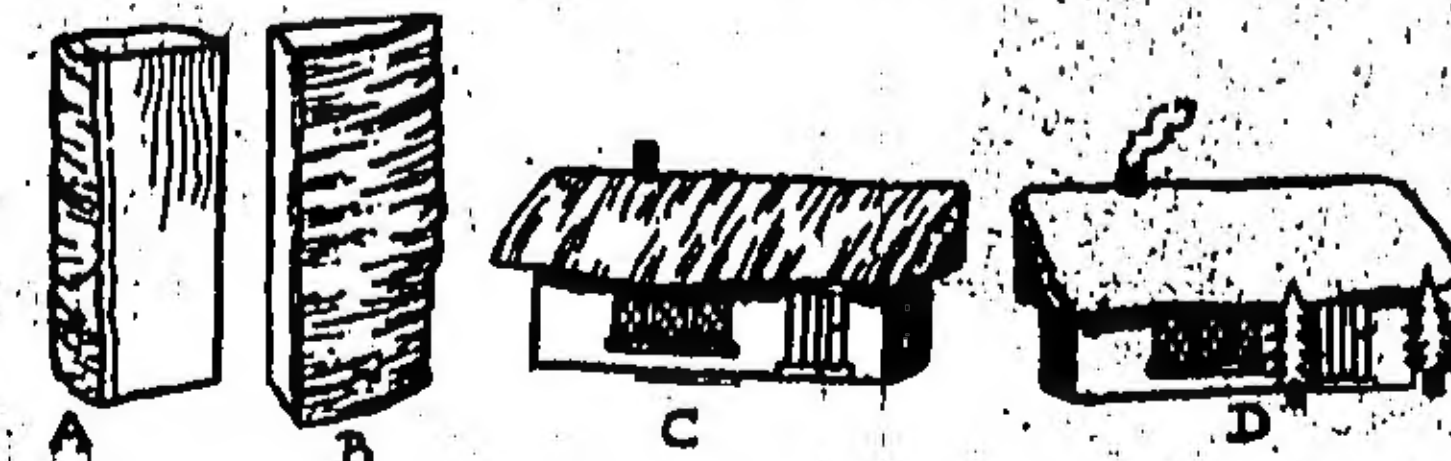
hearts on yarn to make a bracelet.

**A WOVEN HEART**—Cut two pieces of construction paper over a folded pattern as shown in the illustration. Use one sheet of white paper and one of red. Cut on dotted lines as drawn. Weave the strips together to make a fancy heart. Paste the ends so that the heart will not be easily broken.

**SECRET INK**—Use this on a homemade Valentine or one bought in a store. With a new pen point, or a very clean one, write your name or a message with lemon juice. When the juice dries, the paper will be blank.

Write a note in the corner telling your friend to iron the Valentine to see who sent it. When her iron rests on the paper a few minutes, your name will appear.

## Build your own log cabin



THIS is how a boy made a log cabin from firewood.

He searched in a heap of sawn logs and found two pieces of wood just like A and B.

A is seven inches in length, with half an inch edge. B is eight and a half inches in length. Place A over B, with bark side down. It was placed B, securing with two nails. The

marked in with ink; an inch of charcoal stuck out for a chimney and the log cabin was complete as C.

Now for the finishing touches. A length of cotton twine was put on the roof to resemble snow. Glimmer was sprinkled on, and a bit of cotton wool was glued to the chimney for smoke.

Two trees complete the job.

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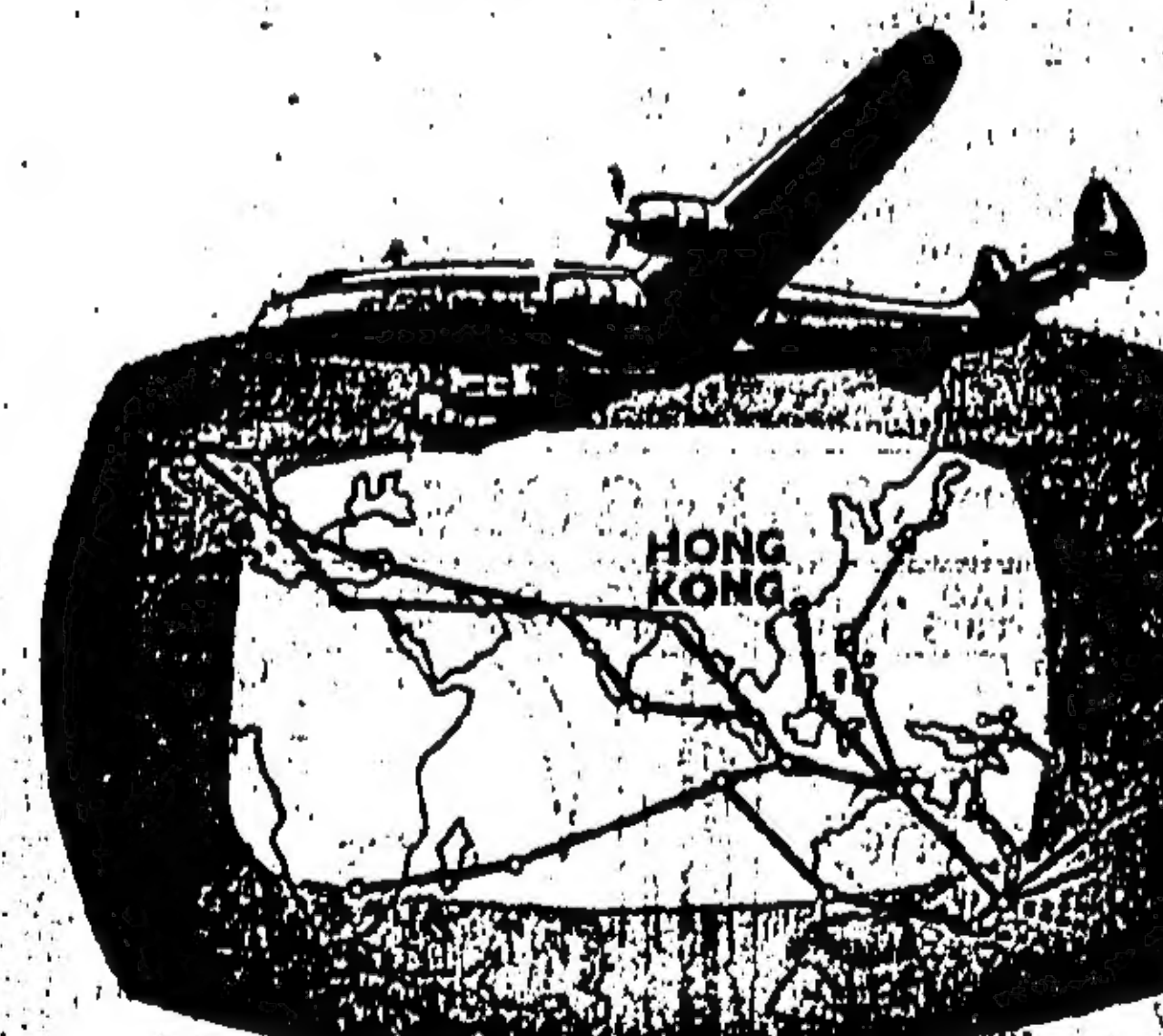
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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Avoid Foes' Errors;  
Win Bridge Games

BY OSWALD JACOBY

Today's hand, taken from the Men's Team event in a Championship tournament, probably proves that you don't win a team championship. Your opponents lose. We didn't do anything brilliant in this hand, we just avoided the mistake made by our opponents.

At my table Sam Slayman and I inched our way into six spades. West liked this contract so much that he couldn't resist a penalty double. Slayman correctly decided that something was sour with the spade suit, and he scrambled out to six no-trump.

West couldn't beat six no-trump. Slayman won the opening lead with the king of diamonds, overtook the ten of hearts with the jack, cashed the ace of hearts, and led the queen of hearts to force out West's king. He was then sure to make a total of five heart tricks, one spade, two diamonds, and four clubs.

In spite of the fact that six spades was a poor contract while six no-trump was ice

NORTH 11			
♠ Q84			
♥ A Q J 9 8 5			
♦ J 8			
♣ A Q J			
WEST			
♠ K J 10 5			
♥ K 8 7 2			
♦ 10 9 8 6			
♣ 7			
EAST			
♠ 2			
♥ 4 3			
♦ Q 5 4 3			
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A 8 7 6 3			
♥ 10			
♦ A K 2			
♣ A K 10 4			
North-South vul.			
North	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Double	Pass	Pass
6 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 10			

cold, our North-South opponents at the other table likewise bid themselves up to six spades.

At this table our teammate, Sidney Sidorov, held the West cards, and he liked the contract of six spades. But his fondness for the contract didn't lead him into any excessive display. He just passed quietly and waited for South to groan when he discovered the bad trump break.

There are several morals to this little tale. One is that even experts can get themselves into the wrong contract. Another is that an expert will scramble safely if warned of his danger. But the most important moral is that it's very foolish to warn an opponent that he's in the wrong contract when you can just sit back quietly and collect a sure profit.

## CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass  
2 Hearts Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-3-2, Hearts 8-3-2, Diamonds Q-7-6-4, Club 4. What do you do?

A—Pass. You are satisfied with the contract, but you cannot afford to raise. You have 6 points in high cards and 2 points for the singleton, but should deduct a point since you have only three trumps for your partner.

Your partner cannot have the 18 or 19 points he would need for a game since with so strong a hand he would have made a stronger bid than just two hearts.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-3-2, Hearts K-3-2, Diamonds Q-7-6-4, Club 4. What do you do?

Answer Monday

## DUMB-BELLS



## YOUR BIRTHDAY BY STELLA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

BORN today, you enjoy leading an easy and comfortable life. If you have the essentials of living, you are not one to stir yourself too much to get the extra. This is all right, if you are living your own life. But if you have family responsibilities, this lack of ambition can prove very harassing indeed to the other half of your domestic union.

Actually, by talent and temperament you are more suited to the arts and the professions than you are to commerce or business. You will be wise to select some field of endeavour which allows your cultural tastes and mental capabilities full expression. There is nothing bad about your luck that a little hard work and attention to important details can't correct.

You have an inventive nature and are always dreaming up new schemes and ideas which you feel should be universally adopted. You're not too eager to work hard at developing them. You want someone else to do the hard work, practical work. This may be a proper attitude, once you have made something of a mark in the world. But at first you may need to do some of this hard, detail work yourself, no matter how much you may dislike it.

Your intuitions are keen and you should always follow your first hunches. The more you think things over, the more apt you are to make a serious blunder.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Take the path of least resistance today. Baby yourself and relax tensions. You'll feel better for it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — You may gain a real spiritual uplift from attending the church of your choice this morning.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — Relax and take things easy today. Make no attempt to struggle with business affairs. Let them ride.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — The spare, must and body all need an equal share of relaxation today. See that they get it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — If you are helpful and kind to others today, you will enjoy a sense of true joy and happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Sometimes the human batteries need a good re-charging. If they are to function efficiently, do it now!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) —

Church attendance will give you a spiritual uplift. Then, spend the balance of your day in appropriate recreation.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — If you can get some outdoor exercise, it will give your spirits a fine lift for the busy week ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Spiritual inspiration is important to your general well being, for harmony and happiness these days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — You might find exceptional pleasure in paying visits today. Call on those you have not seen for some time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — A quiet day with your family, or perhaps a few close friends in the evening, will prove relaxing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — If driving into the country today, be careful, yourself, and watch out for the other fellow!

BORN today, you have keen judgment and a level head. You are an independent soul and very much dislike being told what to do or what not to do at any time. Unless an idea is truly your own, you are apt to reject it at once. But if you have an idea—no matter how impractical it is—it is yours and you will fight to see it through to a successful termination. Guard against being what is considered "pig-headed" in this regard.

You have a great deal of nervous energy and are apt to burn your candle at both ends. Pay a little more attention to your health for you are not as robust as you think you are. You build up tensions too readily and need to relax them at regular intervals and get plenty of rest. Only under these conditions can you accomplish your best work.

It is likely that you will select your friends carefully so that those who can help you will do so. You are pleasant, in return, and most people do not even realize that they are being used! Just make sure that you do not impose upon the good nature of others.

You will find that outdoor life will bring you inspiration, for being close to Mother Nature is the one thing which rests and revives your flagging spirits. Be cautious in marriage, for one of your independent nature will need to wed someone who is willing to bend your will.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Success, you will find, comes from having a serious objective and persevering toward it despite any and all opposition.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — If someone makes suggestions which will be helpful to you in your work, follow them.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — Divide your time carefully—part for work and some for play. Actually you will get more work done!

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — Be patient with petty annoyances and try to solve minor problems calmly. All will work out right, if you do.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — If there are delays in your business plans, cultivate patience. There may be a necessary change.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Your energy should be at peak today so make the best possible use of it. Get important work done.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — If you seem to be the brunt of unfair criticism, grin and bear it! Everything will turn out better later on.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Develop your natural talents to the utmost, for only by doing that will you reach the peak of success.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Use those velvet gloves today to cover an iron fist. Diplomacy will win more battles than aggression.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — If there is a family who has been looking for you, welcome them with a warm heart.

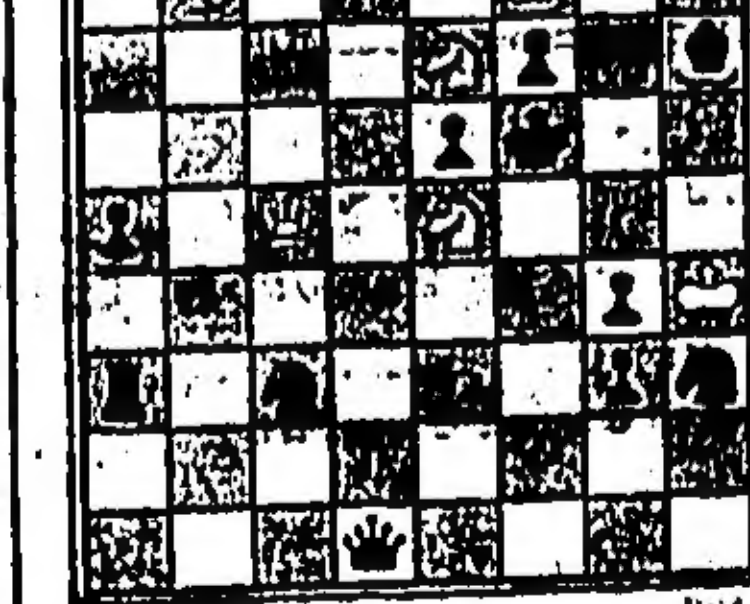
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — You may find it advantageous to mix business and pleasure today. Invite a business prospect to lunch.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Follow your normal routine rather than trying to introduce novel methods into your work today.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. GOLDSTEIN

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K4, any? 2. B, or Kt (d4-c3, or d4-c3) mates.

## WHAT'S HER LINE?

MONA L. RADLEY

(Solution on Page 20)

## LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE UNDER THE SOVIETS

(Continued from Page 8)

"It's gratifying to see Comrades Zaptovsk and Stalin," said a police officer, "but why those two reactionaries?"

"Well, you see," said the old lady, "I play to them every night—like this."

She turned first to Zaptovsk: "Our Father," she intoned. Then to Stalin, "Which art in Heaven?" Then to the Queen, "Thy Kingdom come." Finally to Eisenhower, "Thy will be done!"

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BULGARIA provides this story: The manager of a Bulgarian brickworks was reading through the morning's paper. (An editorial order from Rumania!) he shouted.

"Splendid," said his secretary. "And what will Rumania send us in exchange for our bricks?"

"Oil,"

"Not bad," remarked the secretary. "We can always do with oil."

"Ah," sighed the manager, "I see that the oil must be sent on to Hungary in exchange for wheat."

"Well, that's not bad either," soothed the secretary. "At least we won't have to starve."

"But it says here that the wheat is to be used to pay for machinery from Czechoslovakia."

"We can make good use of machinery," the secretary pointed out.

"Nonsense," cried the manager. "Aren't you forgetting that all machinery goes to the Soviet Union?"

"Then, tell me, what are we to get from the Soviet Union?"

"Experts," rejoined the manager, "to show us how to make bricks!"

From Rumania: A farmer was being pressed to subscribe 10,000 Lei towards the latest State Loan, but was distrustful, and fearful of losing his hard-earned savings.

"The Party will guarantee your money," an official told him.

"But what happens if the Party is dissolved," the farmer inquired.

"Good heavens, man!" cried the exasperated official. "Surely that would be worth 10,000 Lei to you!"

From Lithuania: The authorities were conducting a drive to collect clothing for needy comrades in Korea. A naive Lithuanian, moved by the appeal, gave up his overcoat. A few days later his small son came running home and cried: "Daddy, daddy! Just see a Korean!"

"But there are no Koreans here," the father protested.

"Oh, yes, there are," the boy insisted. "Our political cell leader is a Korean. He's wearing your overcoat!"

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BUT the best source of Communist jokes is the Father of all the "Democracies"—the Soviet Union.

Malenkov was visiting some of his old comrades. "Well, Petrovitch, are you happier than before the Revolution?"

"No, Comrade Malenkov, before the Revolution I had two suits. Now I have only one to wear."

"You ought to be ashamed, grumbling about a little thing like that. Why, in Africa, for instance, nobody has even one suit. Africans run about naked."

"They do, Comrade Malenkov? Do you mean to tell me Africa is now a People's Democracy?"

A Russian propagandist, travelling through the Progressive Democracies, was praising the "Soviet system."

"We Russians have four harvests a year, you know."

"How is that possible?" he was asked.

"It's very simple. First of all we have a harvest in Russia, then one in Poland, the next in Czechoslovakia, and the fourth in Hungary."

Not all Russian jokes are political, however.

When a Russian worker left his factory at the end of the day pushing a wheelbarrow full of straw, a guard halted him and carefully examined the straw—without finding a thing.

Each day the same performance was repeated, and each time the guard found nothing, no matter how rigorously he searched.

After a month of this the guard said to the worker: "Look, I am about to be transferred to the Ural Mountains, so you can talk freely to me. I give you my word I won't tell. But I am curious. Just what are you stealing?"

"Wheelbarrows!" confessed the worker.

It makes one cry

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CROSSWORD

Across

1. Beyond all else (6)

10. speed (4)

11. Does he take home? (9)

12. Can you stop this crop? (4)

13. Knight on the look-out for adventure (6)

14. We might help with the measure (7)

15. You don't get a bull this in the next best thing (6)

22. An attempt to find it a sound date (6)

23. Is this one-man idle when he takes this? (4)

24. Give me a spirit, all his soul and the trouble (6)

Down

1. I stay her from getting excited (6)

2. Something else begins it, but it's learned in the end (6)

3. Among the blood—in spirit (4)

4. Half time halt (5)

5. Dye from a palm (4)

6. Power as met in a railway station (6)

7. A German (4)

8. Let's say (6)

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1954.

## FRENCH PLANES BATTER REBELS

### Vietminh Suffer "Heavy Loss"

#### "LAST DITCH STAND" AT LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang, Feb. 12.

Massive French air raids pummeling tired and hungry Communists regrouping in the dense jungles of Northern Laos inflicted a "heavy loss" on the Reds today, the French High Command announced.

Large elements of France's precious stock of about 200 combat planes in Indo-China were detached for the mission of hampering what started as a Red forced march on this isolated Royal capital. But for the past 24 hours it was slowed to a halt.

Headquarters said both fighters and attack bombers joined the raids against "large enemy concentrations" sighted restocking with food and water in the precipitous Nambac River valley about 50 miles north of the capital.

### England RU Team May Beat Ireland Today

London, Feb. 13.

England have their third international of the season at Twickenham today when they receive Ireland and there is every reason for thinking England will win.

They have already beaten Wales there and lost a hard game to the New Zealanders. Ireland, not the force they have been in past years, are not helped by the withdrawal of their Captain, J.W. Kyle, through injury.

England, intact, should benefit from the experience of the matches against the New Zealanders and their backs appear more powerful than the Irish, while it needs only a repetition of the last season against the All Blacks to make the England forwards fully capable of holding the Irishmen.

Ireland did not cover themselves with glory when losing to France, yet the selectors made only three changes, but it will be a big surprise if the team for today shows sufficient change of form to upset England, holders of the International championship.

A win today will enhance England's chances of winning the triple crown for the first time since 1937, though this would depend on the outcome of the game with Scotland later in the year.

Teams for today are: England—L. King, L. E. Woodward, F. Quinn, L. Butlerfield, W. E. Davies; M. Regan, G. Rimmer; R. V. Stirling, E. Evans, D. L. Sanders, J. G. Jones, P. G. Young, D. J. Wilson, M. Kendall-Carpenter and A. R. Higgins.

Ireland—L. Grogan, M. Moriell, N. Henderson, A. C. Redlow, T. Gaston; W. Hewitt, A. O'Meara; P. E. Anderson, D. J. Wilson, R. H. Thompson, P. Lawlor, G. Reidy, J. Murphy, O'Connor, and S. McCarthy—China Mail Special.

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### Jap Party Going To Himalayas

Calcutta, Feb. 12.

Fourteen Japanese climbers will make a new bid to climb the presently unconquered 26,658-foot Mount Mansalu, in the Central Himalayas. Japanese sources here said tonight.

Led by Mr. Y. Hotta, a member of the 1926 expedition to Nandakot, the team is expected to arrive here about February 28.

Eight of the team participated in the 1932 expedition which failed to reach Mansalu summit by only a few hundred feet.—Reuter.

### Boy Spends 18 Hours In Ice Box

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 12.

James Edward Brice, 8, slept late today after spending a cold and frightening 18 hours locked in an abandoned ice box near his home.

The boy was discovered yesterday by a neighbor, Mrs. Carmen Potete, who heard him crying while she hung out clothes near the abandoned cooler. She opened the box and found James curled inside a compartment 24 by 24 inches and only 17 inches deep.

The child said he pulled the door shut after getting inside the box. He said he did not know he could not get out.

His family and neighbors searched for the boy after he failed to appear for supper on Wednesday.

His widowed mother, Mrs. Katherine Brice, for a time feared that the boy had drowned in a nearby creek.

The boy was examined at a hospital, but physicians said that he apparently suffered from nothing except cold and hunger.

The boy had gone without food for 24 hours.—United Press.

### Tobacco Shares Tumble

London, Feb. 12.

Tobacco shares tumbled on the Stock Exchange here today after the statement by the Minister of Health, Mr. Ian MacLeod, on the link between smoking and cancer of the lung.

The stock of the giant British combine, Imperial Tobacco Company, closed the official trading session two shillings and six pence down at 55 shillings and three pence, while British-American Tobacco Company shares closed two shillings and nine pence lower at 39 shillings and six pence.

But the joint statement by the tobacco companies pointing out that the link between smoking and lung cancer was based only on statistical evidence and was not proved had a beneficial effect on some of the tobacco shares.

Imperial Tobacco rallied, gaining one and a half pence, while British-American recouped four and a half pence of their loss.—Reuter.

### China Invasion "At Proper Time"

Munich, Feb. 12.

A Chinese Nationalist Broadcasting official, Mr. Wu Li Chuan, said here today the Nationalists would make a successful counterattack on the Chinese mainland "at the proper moment."

Mr. Wu, chief of the mainland division of the Free China Broadcasting Division, is on a three-month fact-finding tour of Europe. He said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Army of 600,000 on Formosa would be welcomed as liberators by the broad mass of the Chinese people.—Reuter.

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### Egyptian Officials Say:

## Arab Dissatisfaction Growing Over Suez Canal Deadlock

Washington, Feb. 12.

Egyptian officials here said today Saudi Arabia's refusal to accept American military aid was due to general dissatisfaction in the Arab world over the deadlocked Suez dispute.

They predicted other Arab indications of "non-co-operation" with the Western world would become apparent in the next few weeks.

Egypt and other Arab nations tend to believe that if the United States put more pressure on Britain, the latter would have to give in on the remaining issue of withdrawal of British troops from the Suez Zone.

Egypt disclosed yesterday she may negotiate with the Soviet Union an agreement under which the Russians would undertake considerable development work in Egypt.

Diplomatic officials said this Egyptian decision, as well as the Saudi Arabian refusal to sign a military aid agreement with the United States, were both part of a general plan by members of the Arab League to undertake no co-operative plans with the Western Powers until the Suez dispute is settled.

Except herself, particularly resents the refusal of the United States to grant her military and economic aid until there is some Anglo-Egyptian agreement on Suez.

Diplomats here said the nations of the Arab League at their meeting last month in Cairo secretly agreed to refuse to co-operate with the United States, Britain and other Western Powers unless the British came to terms on Suez.

The Saudi Arabians themselves gave the State Department no such reason for declining to sign a military aid agreement.

They said, rather, that the new King Saud, who ascended the throne upon the death of his father late last year, had said that since he was new to this job he wanted some time to study international commitments. For that reason, he asked that the military agreement discussions be ended for the time being.

### Two Businessmen Return From Moscow

London, Feb. 12.

Two British businessmen arrived at London airport today from a trade visit to Moscow with about 30 other top executives from British industry.

They were Mr. Maurice Robinson, a Director of a Lancashire milling engineering firm, and Mr. Norman Castle, a Director of a London food export and import firm.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 25th February, 1954.

All members are earnestly requested to be present and an invitation is cordially extended to members of the public interested in Child Welfare.

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